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## Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Church Council



*St Boniface*



*St Martin in the Wood*

for the year ending 31 December 2024



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## 1. Letter from the Vicar

*Mary... sat at the Lord's feet, listening to him... [Jesus said] 'One thing is necessary, Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her'. Luke 10:42 LEB*

Dear Reader,

The Church exists to help people to see God, hear God and meet with God. We meet him in Word and sacrament. But we also meet him when we see his glory in the sunset, or when we hear the toddler's laughter and glimpse the joy at the heart of all things. These are the moments the Church exists to enable and to foster—moments where we encounter Jesus and are changed by that meeting.



It's that encounter with God that Mary of Bethany hungered for, and hence why she was so keen to sit at Jesus' feet—to be in his presence and to hear his voice.

And this report is chock full of all of the ways that this church has been a part of enabling those encounters this year. Some of the reports are easy to see the joy in—children! Young people! Loving acts of service!—joy may be harder to detect from other reports though! Attendance reports may not at first or second glance be inspiring reading. And yet they are the mechanical description of a wonderful mystery—a person attending divine worship and coming into the presence of God (whether they fully perceive it or not).

I commend this report to you, as each paragraph is either an indication of one of these God-encounter moments, or a response to such a moment as we share the love that we have found in God with those around us.

It is an absolute joy to be a part of the wild adventure that is called “Church” with you and I eagerly look forward to what God has in store for us in times to come.

With prayer,

Duncan

**The Rev'd Duncan Hollands**  
**Vicar of The Parish of Chandler's Ford**

## **2. Our Values**

*Jesus said the first commandment is 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself.'* (Mark 12:30-31)

Therefore, as a parish we aim to:

### **Love God**

- Know and worship God.
- Be Christ-centred in all we do, growing in faith and rooted in God's word.
- Seek God's will for our lives, guided by the Holy Spirit.
- Be committed to prayer, individually and corporately.

### **Love one Another**

- Be a vibrant all-age Church family, characterised by creativity, thankfulness and joy.
- As a family, seek unity and honour diversity in worship.
- Be a community characterised by forgiveness, healing, restoration, acceptance, care and love.
- Offer generous hospitality, welcome and friendship to all.

### **Love Chandler's Ford and Beyond**

- Encourage, enable and equip people for service and mission.
- Share the Good News of Jesus with those we meet, both by our actions and words.
- Be agents of social transformation, making a difference by joining in the building of God's Kingdom in Chandler's Ford and beyond.

## **3. Ministry Team - Worship and Ministry**

*Our Vicar, The Rev'd Duncan Hollands writes:*

*'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;'* John 15:8

John 15 was independently chosen by both Bishop Philip and me as the passage at my licensing back in September.

Since then it has been absolute joy to find 'fruit' scattered throughout Chandler's Ford and around the world because of all of the 'remaining in me' that has happened here at Chandler's Ford.

There has been a lot of change in the parish in the last twelve months. But God remains the same and Jesus' words remain true. As we seek to abide in him, in worship, in prayer and in life, he works through us to produce the fruit of good works, love and others coming to see his goodness for themselves.

The first nine months of 2024 saw The Rev'd Hayley Richens overseeing things along with the churchwardens Jane Keen and Lynne Mursell, who worked tirelessly throughout the vacancy, as the already steep role description of a Chandler's Ford churchwarden was then expanded to include what normally falls on the vicar's shoulders! Beckie and I, and the children, are particularly grateful to them and to you for the renovation work in the vicarage and garden—another major job on top of all of the others, *thank you*.

At its heart the Parish of Chandler's Ford is a worshipping community with more than sixteen services each month. Sunday morning services continued to be live-streamed via Facebook into the homes of those who are unable to worship in church, and were broadcast regularly on Outreach Radio. The excellent AV team, led by Paul Anfield, continued to improve the quality and presentation of services. The worship pattern is as follows: Sunday morning services, which alternate between St Boniface and St Martin in the Wood; Sunday afternoon informal services; midweek communion; and monthly 8am BCP Holy Communion, Evensong and Messy Church. Numbers in church marginally increased during 2024 and the on-line community remains steady.

In God's kindness, the deficit for 2024 was cleared at the eleventh hour. *Thank you* to you all who have given so tirelessly and generously with your time and your finances.

Many ministries were at work in every area of church life – too many to name but known by God, there were sacristans, stewards, rota organisers, administrators, the 4pm co-ordinating team, choir and organists, band musicians, readers and intercessors amongst others. These supported the regular services and festivals such as Easter and Christmas, All Souls and patronal festivals, as well as special services such as Baby Loss and the annual Civic Service of Remembrance. Small groups continued in their mutual support and discipleship with most meeting in person including Men@8, Women's and Men's Breakfasts, and Novo.

The Children and Youth Ministry report outlines how young people are reached by Ewen Greenlees and Debbie Pearce. Thanks to the generosity of the parish they are employed to lead, with many willing and enthusiastic helpers, reaching the children and youth of our community. The lay pastoral team distribute home communion and visit local care homes, keep in contact with the bereaved and contact the families bringing their children to be baptised. All offer sensitive and diligent care for our community. Nothing in parish would be possible without the efficient and cheerful support of our administrator, Suzie Pavitt, and Vicar's PA and PCC Secretary Gill Skates. Together, with a band of helpers, the church office is at the heart of Church life, where much knowledge is stored and shared.

The PCC continued to support lay leaders training through the Diocesan School of Mission on the Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM) programme. In 2024 we celebrated the completion of various people's programmes at a special Cathedral service in October: Una Barter BCM: Pastoral, Jon Westmacott BCM: Worship; Steph Forward Bishop's Permission to Preach, Debbie Pearce BCM: Children, Families, Youth. Thanks to all those who have responded to God's call and for the PCC and parish for supporting their training needs.

The Rev'd Penny Thatcher celebrated her successful sign-off and was sent off with well-wishes to St Peter's, Titchfield. The Rev'd Hayley Richens accepted a call to Hamble and Hound and has been as warmly received there as she was appreciated here.



The PCC's commitment for training those in ministry continued with Stacey Brook's training. Stacey works in the parish for two days per week alongside her studies. In 2024 Stacey started the Tots & Toddlers group which has rapidly filled to maximum capacity thanks to her capable leadership and the wonderful team that work alongside her.

I am especially grateful for the advice, friendship and ministry of The Rev'd Christine Divall and The Rev'd Andrew Williamson, with PtO (Permission to Officiate) who regularly take services. We were also blessed by a number of visiting clergy from registry. A number of service leaders and preachers continue to support informal services throughout the year. Special thanks to Mel and Jon Westmacott, Stuart Divall, Steph Forward and Arpana Mukha. Ewen continues to spend 25% of his time overseeing the 4pm informal service.

Sadly 2024 saw The Rev'd Peter Doores fully step back from ministry and then decline bodily until he sadly passed away. He will be sorely missed and I know that the person that he was and everything he did was greatly appreciated by all here in the Parish of Chandler's Ford.

Rob Hayter stepped back as LLM, as he moved to worship elsewhere. I am grateful to him for delaying his departure until I was in post and had had a chance to settle in.

Clergy and Churchwardens met fortnightly during 2024, joined by paid staff and LLM once a month.

The rest of this annual report details a wealth of ministry and mission in the parish and the clergy and Churchwardens are grateful for each person who serves God in this place.

#### **4. Achievements, Performance and Overview of the Parochial Church Council**

##### **Achievements and Performance**

The number of people on the electoral roll at the APCM was recorded as 313 . The parish completes and returns an annual return form for the diocese, as part of the process of compiling the Church of England statistics.

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Baptisms	18	31	19	33
Number of couples married in church	1	5	9	4
Funeral services in church	17	20	16	25
Funerals at crematorium	12	3	6	0
Easter Day communicants	61	116	202	136
Easter Day worshippers	67	122	273	307
Communicants on Christmas Eve/Day	126	192	181	253
Worshippers on Christmas Eve/Day	171	252	239	296

The statistics above are based on services where people attended in person. We continued to have a livestream service every Sunday with an average of 17 people viewing live online, and between 200 and 400 viewing at a later time.

The average number of adults attending the 10am service was 92 (2023: 89).

The average number of adults attending the 4pm service was 37 (2023: 38).

There was an average of 14 (2023: 14) attendees at the monthly BCP 8am and 35 (2023: 46) at the monthly BCP Evensong service.

The average number of adults attending midweek Communion was 28 (2023: 29).

## Safeguarding

*Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Anne Addiss writes:*

Under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, PCCs must have 'due regard' to safeguarding guidance issued by the House of Bishops. To comply with this duty, the PCC has a designated Parish Safeguarding Officer, and has policies and procedures in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.



There are currently 74 people with a DBS clearance certificate.

The PCC has 12 safeguarding policies.

List of policies:

- Child Protection
- Safeguarding Adults
- Domestic Abuse
- Drug and Alcohol

- Lone Working
- Policy for Transporting Children and Young People
- Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders
- Parish Policy on the Management of those who pose a risk
- Policy Statement on Social Media
- Policy for Dealing with Suspicious Callers
- Volunteer Driving Policy for Ukrainian Refugees
- Dignity at Work

We also have an A5 booklet, *Guidelines for Visiting People at Home or in Care/Nursing Homes*.

The policies are available on the parish website, and all policies are readily available in the parish office and at the back of both churches.

The National Safeguarding Team has created a range of Safeguarding Learning Pathways for people with roles within the Church to complete. Eighty-two people have completed the Basic Awareness Course and 51 people have completed the Safeguarding Foundations Course.

We are signed up to the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard – Diocese of Winchester. This online tool helps the Safeguarding Officer and the PCC keep track of safeguarding within the parish. The dashboard links to Church of England policies, guidance and local templates.

## **A Brief Overview of PCC Business this year**

*Our PCC secretary, Gill Skates writes:*



All PCC meetings were in person for 2024.

At each meeting, a monthly review of income and expenditure was provided, and the subcommittees presented minutes and reports of their work.

**At the January PCC** it was confirmed that the vicar post would be advertised again for three weeks closing 21<sup>st</sup> March with an expanded role description and an updated advert.

Sue Marsland, our treasurer, gave us an update on finances and there was a predicted surplus of £7,000 for 2023, possibly up to a maximum of £12,430 which was agreed would go into the fabric fund. The revised budget for 2024 with a predicted deficit of £14,939 was accepted.

We received the faculty from the Diocese for the removal of two pews to create a children's area.



The removal of five dead elm trees by the car park at St Boniface was to go ahead.

All of the Christmas services were very well attended - we had 293 at the Christingle service alone!

**At the March PCC** changes to some of our hire charges were agreed. For upstairs rooms (York and Durham) and the downstairs Salisbury Room at St Boniface were increased by £1 per hour. St Martin's main hall charges were increased by 50p an hour. All other room/kitchen charges remained unchanged.

Sue Marsland informed us that at the end of February we were down on both our income and expenditure. We had a surplus of £2,888; however, this would be £4K less after £4K had been taken off for mission giving.

A new building grants team had been formed. Michael Cooke would be investigating possible grants for building work.

An Extra-Ordinary PCC meeting was held on 4th April 2024 where the 2023 annual accounts were reviewed and approved prior to final sign-off from the external auditor.

**At the APCM**, it was agreed that Lynne Mursell and Jane Keen would continue in their roles of churchwardens. Anne Davies, Jean Nolan, Carole Hodgson and Lynne Mursell continued their terms as Deanery Synod members and Gloria Brown was also voted on to Deanery Synod.

Linda Read stood down from PCC. However, as she is our Health and Safety representative she agreed to stand for another year as a co-opted member so she can continue until someone else is found to take on the role. New nominations were received for Sue Marsland and Heather Blake.

Sandy Groves and Anne Addiss agreed to continue in their role of deputy wardens. Stuart Divall, Jane Bennett, Linda Read, Brian Ridsdale and Mary Shepherd agreed to continue as Assistant Wardens.

**At the May PCC** meeting the election of officers was held and the following people were voted in:

**List of Roles:**

1. Lay-vice Chairman (Christine Clark)
2. Secretary (Gill Skates)
3. Standing Committee Secretary (Gloria Brown)
4. Electoral Roll Officer (Anita Jarman)
5. Treasurer (Sue Marsland)
6. Parish Accounts Administrator (Jackie Richardson)
7. Finance Administrator (Ann Brew)

8. Regular Giving and Gift Aid Administrator (Jim Rooke)
9. Parish Health and Safety Officer (Linda Read – to be co-opted)
10. Disability Liaison Officer (Duncan McKellar)
11. Safeguarding Officer (Anne Addiss)
12. Deputy Safeguarding Officer (vacant)
13. Risk Management Officer (Gloria Brown)
14. Data Protection Officer (Parish Administrator)

#### **Finance and Stewardship Committee**

Lynne Mursell, Jane Keen, Sue Marsland, Hayley Richens, Christine Clark, Jim Rooke, Michael Cooke.

#### **Parish Church and Centre committee**

Lynne Mursell, Jane Keen, Jim Rooke, Barbara Dobson, Paul Burgon, Jenny Greasley, Linda Read, Giles Richardson, Hazel Bateman, Stuart Divall, Hayley Richens, Anne Davies.

#### **Mission Committee**

Lynne Mursell, Anne Addiss, Jean Nolan, Una Barter, Jackie Richardson, Hayley Richens, Steph Forward, Peter Knight.

#### **Communications Committee**

Carole Hodgson, Paul Anfield, Pete Hale.

#### **Standing Committee**

Hayley Richens, Lynne Mursell, Jane Keen, Sue Marsland, Jean Nolan, Gloria Brown and Christine Clark.

#### **Eco Church Committee**

Stuart Divall, Hazel Bateman, Claire Brendish, Lynne Mursell, Jane Keen, Jane Bennett, Hayley Richens, Brian Ridsdale, Michael Cooke.

Barabara Dobson was accepted as new Twinning Rep for Churches Together in Chandler's Ford, together with current rep Jackie Richardson (Chaplaincy rep).

We were advised that we have a new vicar, news of which was very joyfully received! The vicarage would be vacated by 10<sup>th</sup> July and the move in target is the last two weeks of August.

In the financial report, Sue Marsland advised we had a deficit of £2,600. Although a deficit was expected, it was slightly more than expected. Expenditure was 2K a month more than our income. Although 'Generous June' and the parish Giving and Gift Day would be coming up, an item would go in the parish magazine and the enews regarding church finances.

Penny, our curate, had been offered a new position in the Parish of Titchfield and would be sadly leaving us. Her last Sunday would be 12<sup>th</sup> May.

PCC approval was given for Debbie Pearce to undertake the Children, Families and Youth BCM.

**At the July PCC** Sue Marsland reported we had a deficit of approximately £10K (January to June), and the projected deficit at the end of the year was £20K. The average monthly cost of running the parish was £24,500 a month and our current income was averaging £22,800 a month which leaves a monthly deficit of £1700.

We would need to consider new ways to get more money coming in.

Updated Audio Visual Fees were agreed:

Basic sound £25

Basic sound and music £65

Basic sound and slideshow £65

Basic sound, music and visuals £80

Basic sound, music and montage £120

Live-streaming £50

Paperless service £50

It was Hayley's last PCC. She will be off to the parishes of Hamble and Hound in September. She will be greatly missed and we wish her all the very best in her new post of priest in charge at Hamble and Hound.

**At September's PCC** Duncan, our new vicar was warmly welcomed to his first meeting.

In Sue's absence Jane gave the treasurer's report as at the end of August. We currently have a shortfall of just over £15K. The projected deficit for the end of the year was between £22K and £25K. Currently 200 people support the church financially, and of these 160 give regularly. There are also changes to Church Mission Fund which means we will have to pay an additional £9,000 next year (this is based on a rolling five year average).

Giving and Gift Day would be on 27th October 2024.

Our Holiday club in August saw over 50 children attending and we had some excellent feedback on this. Five of the youth attended the Satellites Youth festival at Shepton Mallett in August and there will be another trip next year.

We were advised that Jackie Richardson will be stepping down at the end of the year from her accounting role within the church. We are so very grateful to Jackie, who has given above and beyond her role, particularly during the period when we were without a treasurer.

**At the November PCC** it was agreed we would go back to using the common cup as from January 2025 in line with the Bishop's Guidance 2023.

Sue Marsland advised us that it is estimated that we will have a deficit of £13K for October. We raised approximately £4K from Gift and Giving day (including gift aid) and there was an increase in the parish giving scheme of £170 a month, including one new giver.

We are predicting a deficit for 2025 of £41K (with predicted outgoings of £333K and predicted income of £292K). This includes major work to the path at St Boniface which is estimated at £15K.

The proposed budget for 2025 was accepted with one abstention.

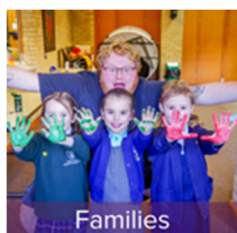
Our second Light Party for the children was a great success with 44 children attending. Huge thanks to all the volunteers who made this possible.

Ewen took six of our young people to a residential weekend at the Isle of Wight Westbrook Centre. Over the two days the youth heard about the radical love of Jesus. There was a speaker, games and activities.

PCC approval was given for a temporary minor reordering to remove two pews from the rear north side of St Boniface church, to make room for wheelchairs and to provide a prayer space for the 4pm service.

#### **4.1 Youth and Children's Work**

*Our Youth Minister Ewen Greenlees writes:*



Our main groups in 2024:

Fuel – Years 7 to 13, meets every other Thursday 7.30-9pm at St. Martin's. Leaders – Ewen Greenlees, Claire Brendish, Annette Threlfall

Focus – Years 7 to 13, meets every Sunday 4pm at St Boniface. Leaders – Ewen Greenlees, Pete Knight, Jo price, Steph Forward

Fuel – This year saw an increase of young people attending on Thursday evenings due to a slightly bigger group coming up from year six to year seven. We have also seen a continued growth in maturity of faith of members in the group as we continue to underpin the values of being real and being welcoming, and I have witnessed the group grow closer with each other and closer with God throughout the year. The food and worship nights on Thursdays have continued to allow young people to engage in sung worship and reflective prayer.

Focus – For 2024, Focus has followed the 4pm's teaching series. Our young people have engaged with different books of the Bible including Isaiah and Romans. The numbers of this group have stayed level. Over the course of this year, we have seen more young people

serving in different ministries across parish life including worship bands, refreshments and AV.

Other – our relationship with Thornden Secondary School remains steady. I once again attended their annual event for GCSE Religious Studies pupils where we had a chance to answer questions on the Christian faith and present the gospel to close to 90 young people. We are currently trying to develop a new relationship with Toynbee School.

In the summer, for a second year, we took five young people away to Satellites Youth Festival where they had the chance to engage in worship and teaching with 2000 other young people from across the country. This was a really encouraging event which saw young people deepen their faith in and give their lives to Jesus.

In the summer of 2024, we were very glad to baptise two young people in an open water baptism service.

Throughout the year we have run a series of socials to help create fellowship and fun, as well as provide opportunities for young people to bring non church friends to the group. These have been successful, and across the year we have been able to form and continue to grow relationships with five to ten non-churched young people.

### **Children's Ministry**

*Our Children's Minister, Debbie Pearce writes:*

#### **Children's Ministry**

Ground Breakers	ages Yr R-Yr 6	4pm service.
Xplode after school group	ages Yr R-Yr 6	Tues term time, St Boniface 4-5.30pm
Messy Church	all ages	Third Sunday 10am at St Boniface.

### **Sunday Groups**



**Little Stars and Ground Breakers:** These groups have been going well with good attendance and solid Bible teaching, though a few changes have been made. After many years we decided to stop Little Stars as we have only two children in the group and needed to reduce the number of rotas we have at 4pm. We thanked Becca Wicks for all her work in running the group and to all the helpers for their love and dedication. Due to the wide age range in Ground Breakers, we have now split the group into infants and juniors, to allow for age-appropriate teaching. This seems to be going well and I would like to thank all the leaders and helpers for their positivity during the changes.

**Messy Church:** This continues to be our biggest children and families mission service, with 85-95 people each month enjoying breakfast, service and activities. Jane Bennett and I lead the service, with Ewen and the team, setting up and running the activities. This academic year we are focusing on the parables of Jesus.

#### **Other groups and events**

**Xplode:** Our after-school group continues to remain full of fun, food and friendship. We have a regular attendance of 20-25 children and a close relationship with their families. A huge thank you to the team: Ewen, Liz, Mary, Audrey, Margaret and our newest helper Elisabeth.

**Holiday Club:** We were delighted to have 51 children join us for a week in August, as we led 'Champions' Holiday Club based around the Olympics. It was amazing to see so many non-church children enjoying the fun but also hearing about Jesus. Thank you to the amazing team and band who led the week with Ewen, Jane and myself.

**Uniformed Organisations:** We continue our close connection with the Arrow District Squirrels and Beavers, visiting their groups when needed and having them visit St Boniface to carry out their faith badges. This year we were blessed with not only Squirrel and Beaver Christingles, but also for the first time we held a Cub one as well. Between all three events 428 people attended to support the Children's Society and learn about the Christingle.

**School Ministry:** Over the last year we have been able to visit three infant schools and three junior schools in Chandler's Ford. This means approximately 1470 children plus staff have heard about Jesus. What an amazing mission! Over this year we have enjoyed the children pretending to be fishermen, following Moses through the Red Sea, selling items in the temple and of course we celebrated Easter and Christmas. As an assembly team we enjoy getting the children as involved as possible. Sadly, Jane Bennett has now stepped down from the team to enjoy the blessings of her granddaughter. We thank her for her time, enthusiasm and fun in leading the Infant school assemblies. This leaves just Ewen and me, but we are on the lookout for able-bodied people to join us.

To finish I would like to remind everyone that none of our children's work would be possible without the generosity of so many people in our parish. Thank you to all those who contribute time, energy, finance and prayer into this incredibly important and exciting work.

## **4.2 Mission**

*Our Mission Committee secretary, Anne Addiss writes:*

Charities everywhere have continued to struggle financially since Covid. This means our regular parish donations to Christian-led charities are more needed than ever. The Mission Committee has continued to oversee the parish mission day scheme for supporting overseas

and local Christian mission organisations. This year the parish donated to the work of the following organisations: USPG, Church Army, CMS, Children's Society, Christian Aid, Eastleigh Basics Bank and Winchester Beacon. We have also sponsored a student in Bukedi, Uganda, for a two-year course and made a donation towards a local student on a working visit to a charity in Africa. This year we welcomed speakers from Fledge, USPG, Christian Aid, the Church Army and Heather Johnstone, our CMS partner. Our visiting speakers significantly raise our awareness of the diversity of work being carried out by these organisations to share God's love around the world. We would like to thank those mission representatives involved in organising parish support in 2024 and keeping us informed on their activities. We would also like to thank those who support charities through gifts of time, talents and individual donations of goods or money. The PCC has continued to support our extra-parochial giving at 10% of our income.

We have continued to support Ukrainian evacuees settling into new homes with store gift cards helping towards furnishings and provide other practical assistance when a need arises. We are immensely grateful to those parishioners whose donations made this possible.

The parish has practically supported Eastleigh Basics Bank and Hazel Bateman continues to act as our Basics Bank champion. Thank you to all who continue to support this vital local work. The parish has also supported the Friends of St Anne's Hospital, Liuli, through events such as the annual Plant Sale and the Fusion Concert. The funds raised were shared between St Anne's and the parish. There is also a monthly card sale, held after the 10am service at St Boniface. This year our harvest gifts went to Winchester Beacon and Eastleigh Basics Bank. Christmas collections, apart from the Christingle collection, were split between the parish and Winchester Beacon and Eastleigh Basics Bank. The Christingle collection went to the Children's Society.

We thank the Mission Committee members: Una Barter, Jean Nolan, Anne Addiss (Secretary), Rev Hayley Richens (to August), Jackie Richardson, Lynne Mursell (Chair), Peter Knight, Steph Forward and The Rev'd Duncan Hollands (from September) for all their enthusiasm and hard work. Jackie Richardson is the Churches Together representative.

#### **CTiCF (Churches Together in Chandler's Ford)**



*Jackie Richardson, our parish representative and chair of CTiCF writes:*

It seems a long time ago now but there was a General Election in July. The revised parliamentary boundaries led to all member churches being in the Eastleigh constituency, and therefore it was appropriate for Churches Together to organise a Q&A session with the candidates. We were delighted that all six candidates attended, and are grateful to the then acting Bishop of Southampton for chairing and for all the many volunteers from the local churches who worked together to make the evening a success.

Another highlight of the year was our stall at Fryern Funtasia which attracted many visitors despite the unusually appallingly wet weather! We again benefitted from the presence of Debbie, our Children's Minister.

Churches Together supported projects such as the ecumenical Chaplaincy have continued, and its work is developing.

Brian Ridsdale regularly attends meetings to give reports both on Christian Aid and eco-church.

We are grateful to Rev Duncan Hollands for attending our October meeting and for his interest and ideas. It was also good to be joined by Father Alexander, representing the Antiochian Church, a new local Christian congregation.

Finally, we returned to Waitrose for the Christmas carol singing, which was a joyful way to end the calendar year.

If anyone has any thoughts about future events or projects which would benefit from being organised on an ecumenical basis, do please get in touch.

### **Weddings in the Parish, 2024**

*Our Weddings Co-ordinator, Barbara Dobson writes:*



In 2024 we had four weddings, spreading over the months of April to July, all of which were joyful and loving occasions. All four were held at St Boniface Church. As well, we read the Banns for ten couples getting married elsewhere.

The technical team continues to develop their expertise which means they can offer many options of recording, videoing and now live streaming for those with relatives and friends elsewhere.

We continue to take bookings and currently have weddings in our parish diary for 2025 and 2026.

The 'wedding team' continued to enjoy working together to make these wedding dates special occasions. Our team is Linda Bidder, Paul Anfield, Bob Everett, Jenny Greasley and occasionally Giles Richardson and even the churchwardens! My grateful thanks to them all.



### 4.3 Eco Church

*Stuart Divall our Eco Church chair writes:*

The Parish Eco Group continues to fulfil its calling to be good stewards of Creation and seeking ways that we as a Church family and individuals can reduce our impact upon the environment. This is in line with Scripture, specifically Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:1 and, as a local parish and Christian community, is in accordance with the Fifth Mark of Mission; *‘to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain the life of the earth’*.

We have seen some changes in the Parish Eco Group with The Rev’d Hayley Richens leaving as she took up the post of Priest in Charge at Hamble and Hound. We also said adieu to Jane Bennett, who whilst stepping down from the group, continues to be a strong advocate for Creation Care. Our sincere thanks go to Hayley and Jane for their invaluable contributions and passion.

Chaired by Stuart Divall, the group comprises members of the parish who are enthusiastic about reducing their own impact upon the environment and helping others to do the same. Our Environmental Programme is based on five areas of our church and individual lives as defined by A Rocha, and shown below, indicating members working in each of the areas:

*Worship and Teaching:* Stuart Divall, Lynne Mursell, Jane Keen (formerly Rev’d Hayley Richens)

*Buildings and Land:* Jane Keen, Lynne Mursell

*Lifestyle:* Hazel Bateman, Jane Bennett (stepped down Nov 2024), Claire Brendish, Michael Cooke

*Community and Global Engagement:* Brian Ridsdale, Brian Duxbury

The Parish Eco Group has been busy throughout the year with initiatives and events that many across the parish have attended, producing information and helpful articles in our parish magazine and weekly enews and assisting the PCC in advising what measures can be put in place within our buildings and land.

We subscribe to A Rocha’s Eco Church Award Scheme and have achieved a Bronze Award for both St Boniface and St Martin’s. We are about to apply for a Silver award for each church. However, after careful review, we feel further achievements (Gold) are currently out of reach and, from a personal viewpoint, unsustainable in our particular circumstances. However, we continue to seek ways of reducing our impact and crucially, pursuing justice where communities both local and global suffer injustice as a result of climate change. To this end, the Eco Group hosted and delivered Christian Aid’s Talking Climate Justice Tour at St Boniface in July with attendees from across the parish and beyond. This has propelled us into the realm of engaging with our politicians and as I write, a meeting with our MP, Liz Jarvis is being arranged where we can discuss our calling and present our objectives as well as understanding the policies and commitments of our MP.

One of our biggest challenges this year will be seeking ways that will help reduce our energy use. Not only will this be positive in terms of our carbon footprint but managing costs as energy prices continue to rise. We will continue to provide helpful hints and ways that everyone can do their bit in caring for Creation.

The Parish Eco Group meets quarterly to review progress against our targets and set new objectives. Whilst working toward the awards, we remain committed to encouraging all members to reduce their impact upon the environment and fulfill our responsibilities as good stewards of Creation.

#### 4.4 Administration and Communication



The parish office is the administrative hub of the parish and plays a vital role in our mission. It is run with cheerful, calm efficiency by Parish Administrator Suzie Pavitt. She is ably assisted by Anita Jarman, Ann Brew and Anne Addiss, who carry out a range of office tasks on a voluntary basis. Jenny Greasley continues to do a wonderful job of dealing with the hirers for the St Boniface Church Centre and Barbara Dobson assists by co-ordinating the wedding and banns enquiries. There have been quite a few funerals again this year and our thanks go to all who have helped to steward these or who have been involved with the music, sound, photo montages or live-streaming. The parish office is a good witness to newcomers and visitors to the parish. It helps tremendously with people involved with weddings, baptisms and funerals, and can be the first port of call for those in distress.

We continue to be grateful to David Lewis, Christine Clark and Elizabeth Seaman for all that they do in producing the *Parish News* and for all those who have contributed to it in 2024. Our thanks also go to Debbie Pearce who continues to take photographs used by Jonathan Pearce to produce the front and back covers of this magazine, and also to the wider team, who have faithfully distributed the magazine around Chandler's Ford.

We are very grateful to Anne Addiss and Suzie for compiling the fortnightly paper news sheet and the emailed weekly news. Thanks also go to everyone who has helped to distribute the news sheet and reading packs. If anyone would like to receive weekly parish enews then please contact the parish office.

The parish website continues to be another useful means of communication with visitors and congregation alike. Our thanks go to Suzie Pavitt and Giles Richardson for all that they have contributed to keeping this as up to date as possible whilst the new website is being developed. All the services are available through the parish website at [www.parishcf.church](http://www.parishcf.church) or through our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/parishcf](https://www.facebook.com/parishcf) and on YouTube. Finally, thanks go to the team for their assistance in keeping the parish Facebook pages and groups updated with all of the parish events and services.

## **4.5 Older People's Ministry**

### **Parish news sheet deliveries**

The parish news sheet has, on a fortnightly basis, continued to be delivered (or posted) to nine people who are either housebound, or unable to attend church regularly.

*Jean Nolan, Linda Read and Christine Clark write:*

#### **Beacon Cafe**

Beacon Cafe has been running in the parish for several years, meeting on the first and third Tuesday of every month. It offers coffee, tea, cake, crafts, friendly chat and a warm welcome to all who attend. A good number of people attend, with new people often popping in, many of whom become regulars. Many of the ladies who attend the yoga class at St Boniface on a Tuesday morning also visit the cafe at the end of their class. We have also had regular visitors from a local care home.

We are grateful to the team of parishioners who regularly, or on request, bake lovely cakes throughout the year for the cafe. We are thankful too for the many volunteers from the parish who give of their time to set up the tables and chairs, help in the kitchen, organise craft activities, or chat to those who attend the cafe. The cafe couldn't function without them!

We were pleased to host the Leprosy Mission stall and a stall for St Anne's Hospital, Liuli, Tanzania, during November. We ended the year with a Christmas celebration with festive refreshments and a Christmas quiz.

#### **Holiday at Home**

Holiday at Home first started in August 2009 and continues meeting ten times a year, approximately every five to six weeks. Generally there are between 25 to 30 guests who enjoy a range of activities including bingo, quizzes, armchair aerobics, word bingo and a couple of raffles as well as a visiting entertainer in the afternoon.

A home-cooked lunch with a range of different puddings is provided and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone as well as the afternoon tea.

The main focus is on socialising, having lots of fun and a good laugh!

Linda is blessed to have an amazing group of helpers both in the kitchen and those helping and supporting the guests. Without them she could not run Holiday at Home, so she is extremely grateful to them all.

## **Local Care Homes - Challoner House and Valley Lodge**

The parish has had links with Challoner House and Valley Lodge care homes for a number of years, although this year the Songs of Praise services and other visits to Valley Lodge have ceased for a variety of reasons.

There is an assigned team of volunteers who deliver a monthly Communion service at Challoner House for those residents who wish to attend. Home Communion can be taken to residents in their rooms, should they request it. We are also informed via staff, of requests to pray individually with a resident in their room, or with a group of residents, should that be requested.

Throughout 2024 we continued to share love and appreciation from the parish to staff and residents with the delivery of posies on Mothering Sunday, palm crosses and chocolate eggs for Palm Sunday and Easter. A Christmas Carol Service was held at Challoner House in December, with musical support from Hugh Benham and choir members. These were times of joy and celebration for all!

### **Afternoon Guild**

Afternoon Guild continues its regular meetings at St Martin's with an interesting and varied range of speakers each month. Membership, which stands currently at 42, has attracted several new members and we have an age range of 50-100. This regular meeting point provides valuable fellowship and social interaction while members hear its speakers and enjoy a cuppa, and is highly valued by those who attend.

### **4.6 Regular Social Events**

Our regular social events are going from strength to strength. These include Holiday at Home, Beacon Café, Men's Breakfast, Women's Breakfast, Mothers' Union and Afternoon Guild.

## **5. Churchwardens' Report**

### **Annual Report from the Churchwardens, including the Report on Ornaments and Fabric for St Boniface and St Martin in the Wood in the Parish of Chandler's Ford April 2024 - March 2025**

As Churchwardens of the Parish of Chandler's Ford, we are pleased to submit this report on behalf of St Boniface and St Martin in the Wood Churches:

#### ***One parish, two churches working together***

### **5.1. Ornaments and Fabric**

We can confirm that the Ornaments and Fabric of St Boniface and St Martin in the Wood are in good order.

#### **Items added to the Terrier and Inventory for St Boniface**

Wire radiator guard and pipe guard in children's area in the nave – July 2024  
Two cameras fixed to side walls (north and south) in church – March 2025  
300cm electronically operated drop down screen in Winchester room – March 2025  
Bose 502B Subwoofer under front pew south side of nave – March 2025  
Bose 502B Subwoofer in Winchester room – March 2025  
12 moveable small speakers on choir stalls – March 2025  
12U electrical cabinet in Winchester room - March 2025- containing:  
    1 Behringer Eurorack pro mixer  
    1 Bose eq module  
    1 patch panel  
    2 sennheiser radio microphone receivers  
    1 power distribution strip  
    1 Thomann E4-250 amp

#### **Items removed from the Terrier and Inventory for St Boniface**

(removed approximately five years ago but now recorded on the current return as advised by the Diocese)  
8 x Fostex personal monitors  
Seck model 122 12 channel mixer  
Vortexion VT30 amplifier  
Sony stereo cassette deck  
Trojan radiomic and transmitter  
Trojan PA series receiver  
5 x AK6 microphone  
5 x mic isolating mount  
Mic table stand

#### **Items added to the Terrier and Inventory for St Martin in the Wood:**

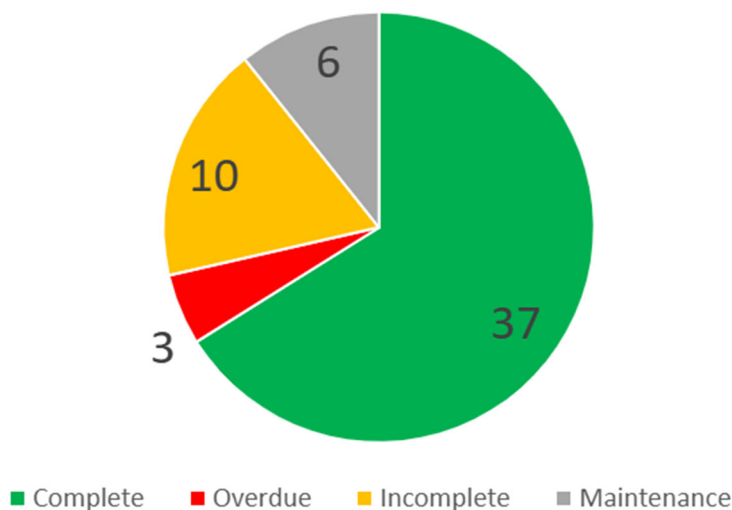
Two PTZ cameras (1 x Tenveo, 1 x Tongveo) fixed to side walls in church nave – May 2024  
Two 55" LG Ultra HD monitors fixed to wall in the centre – October 2024  
One ceiling mounted Optoma 4K projector in centre – October 2024  
Two ceiling mounted Behringer ambient microphones in church nave – February 2025

**Items removed from the Terrier and Inventory for St Martin in the Wood**  
Nil

## **5.2. Building and Centres, including Quinquennial Survey**

In February 2019 our Inspecting Architect, Duncan McKellar, RIBA AABC MSc Building Conservation, completed our previous quinquennial survey. This identified all the maintenance and improvement actions which were recommended over the following five-year period to keep our buildings in a good state of repair. Activities are categorised from Cat A which are urgent to Cat E which are recommendations for the future. The progress of addressing the outstanding quinquennial actions is shown in the chart below.

### **Status of 2019 Quinquennial Tasks at the end of February 2025**



#### **Notes**

The three overdue items refer to:

Cat B Flaky painting on south wall of St Boniface church – this will be addressed when the windows on the south side are repaired

Cat C St Boniface north side entrance door to be re-varnished – carried forward to next period

Cat C Repair to upper storage room ceiling at St Boniface – carried forward to next period

Remaining items are being addressed through our ongoing routine and regular maintenance works.

At the time of writing this (end of February 2025) we have just received the reports from the latest quinquennial survey undertaken in 2024 by our Inspecting Architect, Duncan McKellar. *We would like to thank Duncan for his work in producing this report and support and advice generally.*

We are in the process of reviewing the report and will be drawing up a programme to undertake the works identified.

We were in vacancy from 2nd October 2022 to 10 September 2024 which meant we could not undertake significant changes during this period; the parish financial position has also constrained further building projects. As we moved out of vacancy we were able to undertake changes and in December 2024 the Archdeacon granted permission for a temporary minor re-ordering application to remove two pews on the north side of the St Boniface nave to create an accessible area for wheelchairs.

In October 2023 a piece of masonry fell from the stone tracery on one of the leaded light windows on the south side of St Boniface church; we have been working with our Inspecting Architect who is assisting us with developing a solution for works to repair the stone work and adjacent window. In the meantime, part of the pew underneath the window remains cordoned off as a precaution and we continue to monitor the situation. We plan to apply for grants to assist with the cost of these repairs.

The AV project team has continued to apply for grants to improve our AV services and systems at both churches. This team has successfully raised considerable monies and are nearing completion of the planned work. We are very grateful to the AV project team for their resourcefulness, initiative and hard work. It has made a huge difference to the audio-visual experience of Church for all congregations, in church or at home.

The same team also has a separate initiative underway to look at improving the roof insulation at St Martin in the Wood and is making progress with raising funds.

Work at both churches has been varied for example:

- gutter clearing at both churches
- tree work at St Boniface
- fire alarm repairs and upgrade at St Boniface; maintenance contract put in place
- sensor light installation in toilets (both churches)
- outside lighting at north side entrance at St Boniface converted to motion sensor operated
- continual cleaning of main path at St Boniface to remove bird droppings
- emergency lighting upgraded at various places in St Boniface
- CollecTin card reader attached using Kensington lock at St Boniface
- Replacement of faulty sockets and lighting – both churches
- radiator guard fitted at St Boniface
- fire extinguisher testing at both churches
- deep clean of various carpets (both churches)
- general maintenance of the outside and inside of our church buildings continues on a regular basis
- quarterly defibrillator checks at St Martin in the Wood
- portable appliance testing undertaken at both churches
- ongoing improvements and upgrades to AV systems at both churches

We would like to thank all the volunteers who have assisted with the repairs and maintenance by contributing their time and talents. In particular, we must call out Giles Richardson who has coordinated the quinquennial programme of works and undertakes many and varied maintenance activities. *Thank you Giles.*

Our Parish Administrator maintains a register of suppliers and contractors across the parish, with dates of when servicing or checks are required.

### **5.3. Church Documents**

The current church services registers, wedding, funeral and baptismal records are in order and kept up to date. From these records the annual Parish Mission Statistics have been completed and submitted for the Church of England Membership Return. The record of documents and registers appertaining to the church indicates which records are kept in various places in the churches and which registers and historical papers are in the Hampshire Records Office.

### **5.4. Faculties and The Chancellor's General Directions for St Boniface (St Martin in the Wood is not subject to the faculty process)**

List B application to make safe an ash tree with dieback disease situated in the corner of the garden of rest (approved and work completed)

DAC Secretary and Inspecting Architect approval for minor changes to AV List B application to upgrade the AV system (work completed)

Full faculty issued for the relocation of two pews from the south side of the nave to create space for the children's area (previously permission granted under a temporary minor re-ordering application) with a condition that a radiator guard was fitted (work completed)

List B application to repair the existing slab footpath leading to the front church door - now superseded by full faculty application to replace and reposition path to avoid the tree roots currently causing the path to lift (preparation underway at time of writing this report)

Temporary minor re-ordering application approved - to remove two pews on the north side of the nave to create an accessible area for wheelchairs (work completed and full faculty to be obtained by 19 November 2026)

List A approval to remove basal suckers at bottom of holly tree in front of church to a height of 2.5m all round; it was obscuring the view of road for Community Centre users (work completed)

### **5.5. Building Insurance**

We are insured with Trinitas, who offer a single parish-wide insurance covering both churches. This continues to offer value for money but is kept under review.

### **5.6. Other Projects**

- Replacement of path leading to the main church door on the south side of St Boniface – full faculty application underway at time of writing
- AV upgrade at both churches (see 5.2 above)
- Insulation upgrade at St Martin in the Wood (see 5.2 above)
- Next project will be to repair of windows on south side of St Boniface; external iron work has rusted (listed in the new quinquennial report)



## **5.7. The Grounds**

We are grateful to the people who care for our grounds and car parks, keeping them in a good state. The grounds and gardens at both churches are regularly maintained by a professional gardener and volunteers. Tree work was undertaken at St Boniface (see Faculties list under 5.4 above).

## **5.8. Church and Centre Buildings**

The two church centres continue to be a valuable resource in the parish, affording us outreach and mission opportunities to the community.

The PCC Church and Centre Committee met regularly during the year to ensure that the buildings and grounds were well-maintained and general maintenance was carried out (see this Churchwardens' report section 5.2 above for further details on work carried out). The cleaning is undertaken by paid staff and volunteers to whom we are very grateful.

The centres continue to be regularly used by the community and the income from hirers exceeded the budget.

Our doors are not only open on Sundays, but we are part of the community walking with people at both joyous times (baptisms and marriages) and sad times (funerals).

## **5.9 Social Events and Community Support**

We continue to offer hospitality through regular events such as Beacon Café, Afternoon Guild, Holiday at Home, Men's Breakfast, Men@8, Women's Breakfast, Mothers' Union and Home Groups.

We are truly blessed to have the two churches and centres offering us a wonderful opportunity for mission.

Parishioners continue to be generous with their donations to Eastleigh Basics Bank.

We had several social and community support events throughout the year, including those listed below.

On 11<sup>th</sup> May, Judith James and team organised a plant sale and a coffee morning to raise funds for the parish and St Anne's Hospital, Liuli.

On 12<sup>th</sup> May we were pleased to host the Christian Aid family cycle ride at St Boniface. Riders left from the car park and returned to Fortune Field for refreshments in the centre, with some cyclists joining the 4.00pm worship.

On 19<sup>th</sup> October at St Martin's we had a parish barn dance organised by Tash and Pete Hale with Duncan McKellar as our caller.

On 9<sup>th</sup> November we had a Christian Aid Quiz Night event organised by Brian Ridsdale with Adam Murton as quiz master.

On 7<sup>th</sup> December Peggy Marten and team held the annual parish Christmas coffee morning which was well attended, with several craft tables, a cake stall and raffle.

## 5.10 Family and Young People's Activities

We are blessed with the work that our Children and Schools' Minister, Debbie, and Youth Minister, Ewen, have continued to do to support children and youth within our parish and community. Messy Church continues to attract good numbers and is attended by many families new to church. (See section 4.1 for full details.)



We are thrilled that our ordinand, Stacey Brook, has started up a new Tots and Toddlers group on a Tuesday morning at St Martin in the Wood. This has been very successful and welcomes 40 – 50 toddlers and their carers.

## 5.11 Church Life

It has been a significant year for the parish.



In May we said farewell to our curate, The Rev'd Penny Thatcher, who left to become Associate Priest for St Peter's in Titchfield. In September we also said farewell to our Associate Priest, The Rev'd Hayley Richens, who left to take up her new appointment as Priest in Charge for the parishes of Hamble and Hound. We are immensely grateful for their

ministry, hard work, faithfulness and unfailing support especially during our period of vacancy; as self-supporting, part-time clergy they gave above and beyond to support us personally and the parish as a whole.



After almost two years of vacancy, our prayers were answered on 10th September 2024 when the Bishop of Winchester, The Rt Rev'd Philip Mounstephen, installed The Rev'd Duncan Hollands as our new Vicar of the Parish of Chandler's Ford. What a blessing and a joy to welcome The Rev'd Duncan, his wife Beckie and their young family into the Vicarage.



We must thank all those who contributed in many ways to prepare the Vicarage for their arrival, including gardening, cleaning, painting and decorating and providing a welcome hamper.

We are also delighted to welcome The Rev'd Claire Robinson who joined us in January to complete her final six months of curacy.

We are very grateful to the retired and registry clergy who have supported us over the year and taken many services. In particular, we would like to thank The Rev'd Christine Divall and The Rev'd Andrew Williamson, who are within our parish, for their ministry.

It is a great sadness that Rev'd Canon Peter Doores passed away in the Autumn – he was a true servant to the Church and is greatly missed in the parish.

We are grateful to our pastoral teams for their love and care given to those at a time of illness, sadness and bereavement, including those who take out home communion.

We thank the deputy and assistant wardens along with the welcome and refreshment stewards who have helped at all our services. We are very blessed with a large group of volunteers who undertake many and varied tasks, including sacristans, flower arrangers, church cleaners, office volunteers who help with admin and bookings and those who look after church heating and locking up when needed. Special thanks go to our talented AV team who continue to improve on our sound and broadcasting, enabling people to join in our worship both within and outside our parish. Thanks to the *Parish News*, enews and pew sheet editors, contributors and distributors.

***There are too many people giving of their time and talents to mention by name, but we are very grateful to you all.***

We are very blessed with talented musicians and choristers in the parish and our thanks go to them all for enhancing our worship.

We are grateful for the invaluable support we receive from our Parish Administrator (Suzie Pavitt), the Vicar's PA (Gill Skates), our Safeguarding Officer (Anne Addiss), all members of the PCC and Treasurer (Sue Marsland) and her finance team. Our strong governance which is in place supported us immensely during the period of vacancy.

We would like to add personal thanks to Jackie Richardson who is stepping down as voluntary Finance Administrator after five years in this invaluable role.

Our ordinand, Stacey Brook, is now in her second year of training. We are so fortunate to have her in our parish and value her ministry undertaken with such insight, energy, warmth and enthusiasm.

We are also blessed with Debbie and Ewen's ministry and thank them for all their parish work and missional activity in the community.

We look forward immensely to the next year working with The Rev'd Duncan.

***To everyone we would like to say -***

A large, stylized graphic of the words 'THANK YOU!' in a vibrant pink color. The letters are thick and have a 3D, bubble-like appearance with highlights and shadows, giving them a playful and celebratory feel.

Thank you for your support, help and encouragement during the year.

Lynne Mursell and Jane Keen

Churchwardens, March 2025

## 6. Review of Financial Activities and Affairs

*Our Parish Treasurer, Susan Marsland writes:*



The budget for 2024 included a £15,000 deficit. However, due to various factors including an increase in unplanned giving and an increase in room rental we have ended up with net gain of just over £2,300.

The achievements of 2024 are worth celebrating:

- The parish has maintained giving to mission and aid agencies at approximately 10% of budgeted income, a 'tithe' on PCC unrestricted income that supports the work of mission and help for those in very real need in this country and around the world.
- Special collections to support organisations as diverse as the Royal British Legion, Eastleigh Basics Bank and Children's Society were taken at various services.
- Our AV team has applied for several grants and been successful in raising £2,250 to be used to upgrade the A/V equipment in both churches.
- We have continued to support Ukraine guests being housed in Chandler's Ford using the surplus from the funds raised in 2022.

There was some increase in regular giving but it does not keep pace with either inflation or our plans to grow as part of the Kingdom. We are blessed that one-time donations have overcome this gap and enabled us to balance the books. This is testament to the faithful people who each year give large and small sums to enable the parish mission to continue.

### Overview of Accounts

Income for the year exceeded expenses by £2,301 resulting in a consolidated balance of £129,951 at the end of the year.

### Legacies and donations left in memory of loved ones

Legacies funds received in 2024: £5,000

Legacies funds spent in 2024: £695

### Finance team

The finance team is made up of Ann Brew, Jim Rooke, Jackie Richardson and Sue Marsland who are ably supported by Suzie Pavitt, Jenny Greasley and Linda Read in the management of invoices.

## Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

### Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

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.

### Reserves

The Parish reserves policy is reviewed annually by the PCC and states:

It is the policy of this Parish to hold unrestricted reserves in the General Fund equivalent to two months budgeted expenditure. At least half of this amount should be held in deposit accounts.

The Fabric Fund is intended to cover unforeseen building problems, works identified at the next Quinquennial inspection and likely expenditure within the next 5 years. It is the intention that as it is used to fund work it will be restored up to a reserve figure of £30,000. The PCC will look to achieve this in a reasonable period of time, taking into account other demands on funds

The Audio-Visual/Media Fund is intended to cover the cost of updating the audio-visual equipment.

### Incoming resources

#### **Voluntary income and capital sources**

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

- Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
- Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
- 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.
- Funds raised by fetes and similar events are accounted for gross.

#### **Other income**

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

#### **Income from investments**

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

#### **Gains and losses on investments**

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

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

### Resources used

#### **Grants**

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

#### **Activities directly relating to the work of the Church**

The diocesan Common Mission Fund contribution is accounted for when paid. Any contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

### Fixed assets

#### **Consecrated property and movable church furnishings**

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts for s.96 (2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar 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's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). Items with a purchase price of over £5,000 may be capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis, if the PCC considers this to be appropriate.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £5,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

#### **Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment**

Equipment used within the church premises may be depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £5,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

#### **Current assets**

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December 2024 in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either at the bank or any other approved deposit taker.

### Mission Giving and Donations

It is the policy of the PCC to allocate to Mission Giving and Donations, a sum equal to 10% of the budgeted income for each year.

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHANDLER'S FORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 30 to 36.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether any particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Chandler's Ford Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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 a full 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 statements below.

### **Independent Examiner's statement**

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs M D F Atkinson FCA  
Atkinsons, Chartered Accountants  
32 Hiltingbury Road  
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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	Unrestric. Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	FUNDS 2023 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<i>Voluntary income</i>	1(a)	250,184	19,750	269,934	274,722
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>	1(b)	40,411	0	40,411	36,837
<i>Investment income</i>	1(c)	3,736	0	3,736	3,271
<i>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</i>	1(d)	12,124	0	12,124	10,960
<i>Other Incoming Resources</i>	1(e)	275	0	275	2,805
		<u>£ 306,730</u>	<u>19,750</u>	<u>326,480</u>	<u>328,595</u>
<b>RESOURCES USED</b>					
<i>Charitable Activities</i>	2(a)	303,523	7,558	311,081	319,378
<i>Fund Raising</i>	2(b)	906	0	906	1,287
		<u>£ 304,429</u>	<u>7,558</u>	<u>311,987</u>	<u>320,665</u>
<b>NET INCOMING/OUTGOING RESOURCES</b>		2,301	12,192	14,493	7,930
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b> (All balancing, see note 11)		0	0	0	0
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS after transfers</b>		2,301	12,192	14,493	7,930
<b>BALANCES Brought Forward at 1 JANUARY 2024</b>		<u>93,607</u>	<u>21,851</u>	<u>115,458</u>	<u>107,528</u>
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2024</b>		<u>£ 95,908</u>	<u>34,043</u>	<u>129,951</u>	<u>115,458</u>

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	7	206	206
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	9	22,472	7,311
Short term deposits (Dioc. Loan Fnd & Deposit Accounts)		126,069	115,529
Cash at bank and in hand - General Fund		4,329	1,543
		152,870	124,383
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Short Term (due within one year)	10	23,125	9,131
		23,125	9,131
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		129,745	115,252
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		£ 129,951	115,458
		=====	=====
<b>FUNDS</b>	11		
Unrestricted		95,908	93,607
Restricted		34,043	21,851
		£ 129,951	115,458
		=====	=====

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 19th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev'd Duncan Hollands (Vicar)

*Duncan Hollands*

Susan Marsland (Treasurer)

*SJ Marsland*

The notes on pages 32 - 36 form part of these accounts



## RETURN OF PARISH FINANCE

The Accounting Policies are detailed in the page headed "Accounting Policies"

### INCOMING RESOURCES (RECEIPTS)

1		Unrestric. Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2024	2023
	<b>Voluntary Income</b>				
1(a)	Gift aided planned giving	154,717	0	154,717	149,351
	Non-gift aided planned giving	12,605	0	12,605	14,954
	Non-gift aided collections at services	6,120	0	6,120	6,215
	All other donations	30,952	10,000	40,952	50,048
	Income tax recovered on all gift aided donations and GASDS	45,790	2,500	48,290	49,979
	Legacies	0	5,000	5,000	0
	Grants	0	2,250	2,250	4,175
		<u>250,184</u>	<u>19,750</u>	<u>269,934</u>	<u>274,722</u>
	<b>Activities for Generating Funds</b>				
1(b)	Income from the use of church buildings	36,384	0	36,384	32,627
	Fund-raising	4,027	0	4,027	4,210
		<u>40,411</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>40,411</u>	<u>36,837</u>
	<b>Investment Income</b>				
1(c)	Dividends and Interest (gross)	3,736	0	3,736	3,271
		<u>3,736</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,736</u>	<u>3,271</u>
	<b>Incoming Resources from Church Activities</b>				
1(d)	Magazines	2,473	0	2,473	2,331
	Fees	7,974	0	7,974	7,541
	Event receipts	1,677	0	1,677	1,088
		<u>12,124</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,124</u>	<u>10,960</u>
	<b>Other Incoming Resources</b>				
1(e)	Insurance claims	0	0	0	0
	Other Income	275	0	275	1,117
	Fair Trade sales	0	0	0	1,688
		<u>275</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>2,805</u>
	<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<u>306,730</u>	<u>19,750</u>	<u>326,480</u>	<u>328,595</u>

## 2 RESOURCES USED (PAYMENTS)

	Unrestric. Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	2023
<b>2(a) Church Activities</b>				
<b>Mission Giving and Donations</b>				
Mission and relief agencies	27,200	0	27,200	29,230
Secular charities	0	0	0	0
Payments from special collections	7,098	2,127	9,225	11,426
	<u>34,298</u>	<u>2,127</u>	<u>36,425</u>	<u>40,656</u>
<b>Ministry</b>				
Common Mission Fund	134,169	0	134,169	145,971
	<u>134,169</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>134,169</u>	<u>145,971</u>
<b>Clergy and staff costs</b>				
Clergy and staff expenses	1,971	60	2,031	1,483
Parsonage house	0	0	0	129
Salaries, wages and honoraria	70,809	0	70,809	65,358
	<u>72,780</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>72,840</u>	<u>66,970</u>
<b>Church running expenses</b>				
General mission and outreach	7,838	121	7,959	8,375
Youth work	1,632	0	1,632	1,040
Children's work	646	26	672	32
Event costs	1,553	0	1,553	1,520
Upkeep of services	3,681	66	3,747	3,330
Expenditure on parish magazine	1,241	0	1,241	1,191
Church administration	8,361	0	8,361	9,365
	<u>24,952</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>25,165</u>	<u>24,853</u>
<b>Church and Centre Running Costs</b>				
Church and Centre running costs	37,324	422	37,746	40,928
	<u>37,324</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>37,746</u>	<u>40,928</u>
<b>Church and Centre Repairs and Maintenance</b>				
Major repairs, replacements and redecoration	0	4,736	4,736	0
New building work	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>4,736</u>	<u>4,736</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>303,523</u>	<u>7,558</u>	<u>311,081</u>	<u>319,378</u>
<b>2(b) Cost of Generating Funds</b>				
Fund-raising	906	0	906	896
Fair Trade cost of sales	0	0	0	391
	<u>906</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>906</u>	<u>1,287</u>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</b>	<u>304,429</u>	<u>7,558</u>	<u>311,987</u>	<u>320,665</u>

### 3 INCOME TAX RECOVERED

Income tax recovered under the Gift Aid scheme includes £2,055.45 (2023 £2,683.49) claimed under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme on small cash and contactless card donations for which a Gift Aid declaration had not been completed.  
A further tax reclaim of £747.56 is included in payments from special collections.

### 4 STAFF COSTS (Funded by General Funds, included in the above)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	68,820	58,600
Employers National Insurance Contributions	0	0
Employers Pension Contributions	1,989	1,758

During the year the church employed an organist, a Parish administrator, a PA to the vicar, a Youth Minister, a part time Children's Minister and three cleaners for the Church Centres.  
The value of donated assistance has not been quantified.

### 5 PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

Debbie Pearce was employed as Children's Minister in the parish and Ewen Greenlees was employed as Youth Minister in the parish. Neither Debbie or Ewen can vote at PCC meetings they can take part in discussions and provide reports on their work.  
Peter Hale has a garden maintenance business, Goodroots, which recieved payments of £2181 in 2024 (2023 £1655)  
Hugh Benham, the husband of a PCC memeber, was employed as an organist in the parish and during the year recieved a salary and fees of £5,195.25 (2023 £6,041)  
No other member of the PCC has received any remuneration or other benefits. There were no other disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

### 6 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

(Funded by General Funds, included in the above)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts payable in respect of:		
Independent examination	1,200	1,200
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	=====	=====

### 7 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Land and Buildings £	Total £
7(a) <i>Tangible fixed assets</i>			
<b>GROSS BK VALUE</b>	At 1 January 2024	206	206
	Additions	0	0
		<u>206</u>	<u>206</u>
	At 31 December 2024		
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	At 1 January 2024	0	0
	Charge for the year	0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	At 31 December 2024	0	0
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	At 31 December 2024	206	206
		=====	=====
	At 31 December 2023	206	206
		=====	=====

Equipment costing less than £1000 has not been included.

The Land & Buildings comprises only the church car park in Hursley Road (shown as the cost of transfer of ownership to the PCC from the Chamberlayne Estates). The St Boniface and St Martin's Centres are not shown, since they are attached to their respective churches and clearly could not be sold.

### 7(b) *Investments* The PCC currently has no Investments (shares etc).

## 8 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Assets	Unrestric. Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
FUND NAME:	£	£	£	£
General Fund	206	66,914	34,043	101,163
Fabric Fund		27,015		27,015
Audio Visual/Media Fund		1,773		1,773
<b>Fund balance</b>	<b>£ 206</b>	<b>95,702</b>	<b>34,043</b>	<b>129,951</b>
	=====	=====	=====	=====

## 9 DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
General Fund	22,472	7,311
	£ 22,472	7,311
	=====	=====

## 10 LIABILITIES

### Short Term (amounts falling due within one year)

General Fund	23,125	9,131
	23,125	9,131
	=====	=====

## 11 FUND DETAILS

### A summary of the movements of each of the various funds follows:

FUND NAME:	Fund Bal. 1/1/2024	Incoming Res.	Outgoing Res.	Surplus/ -Deficit	Transfers of Funds	Fund Bal. 31/12/2024
General Fund - Unrestricted	66,592	304,740	304,212	528	0	67,120
General Fund - Restricted	21,851	19,750	7,558	12,192	0	34,043
Fabric Fund	27,015	0	0	0	0	27,015
Audio Visual/Media Fund	0	1,990	217	1,773	0	1,773
	£ 115,458	326,480	311,987	14,493	0	129,951
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

Figures include stock, assets, debtors and liabilities where appropriate.

### The purposes of the various funds are...

General Fund - Unrestricted - the monies used for the normal running of the churches  
 General Fund - Restricted - monies given for specified purposes including legacies, not available for normal running expenses  
 Fabric Fund - Designated - for major repairs  
 Audio Visual/Media Fund - Designated - to update the Audio Visual

TRANSFERS of funds:	2024	2023
From the General Fund to the Fabric Fund	0	9,445

## 12 DONATIONS (GRANTS TO CHARITIES)

The PCC made the following gifts to charities:

	2024	2023
<b>Mission Giving</b>		
CMS	7,000	5,000
USPG	4,500	5,000
Eastleigh Bukedi Link	0	480
Church Army	7,000	5,000
Children's Society	4,500	4,000
Christian Aid	1,500	5,000
Fledge	0	2,000
Eastleigh Basics Bank	2,500	2,500
James Jenkins (trip to Uganda)	200	0
Wycliffe Bible Translators	0	250
<b>Total Extra-Parochial giving</b>	<b>27,200</b>	<b>29,230</b>

A variety of retiring collections, special services and events were organised for specific charitable purposes, and the proceeds were sent to the appropriate charities. Details of the amounts are given below.

Support to local Ukraine guests	2127	3,608
Transform Traid Traidcraft surplus (2021-2023)	0	3,300
British Legion	449	552
Winchester Beacon (WCNS)	350	1,395
USPG	55	15
Eastleigh Basics Bank	405	25
CMS	0	0
Collections for leaving gifts	3,190	692
Children's Society	735	713
Transform Traid Parish Big Brew	0	530
Christian Aid	238	175
Friends of St Anne's Hospital	0	296
Church Army	20	125
Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance	465	0
EBC Mayor's Appeal	30	0
Collection for welcome (Hollands family)	1,161	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,225</b>	<b>11,426</b>

## Appendix 1

### Administrative information

The Parish of Chandler's Ford is a densely populated suburban community situated midway between Southampton and Winchester. The two Anglican places of worship comprising this parish are St Boniface church, Hursley Road, and St Martin in the Wood church, Queen's Road. The parish is within the Eastleigh Deanery and the Diocese of Winchester. The address for correspondence is: The Parish Office, St Boniface Church, Hursley Road, Chandler's Ford SO53 2FT.

The PCC's banks are:

NatWest Bank plc, Southampton City (B) Branch, 68 Above Bar Street, Southampton SO14 7DS.

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Ave, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4JQ

The independent examiner is:

Mrs M. D. F. Atkinson, Atkinson Chartered Accountants, 32 Hiltingbury Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO53 5SS.

Parochial Church Council members who have served from 1 January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

#### Ex Officio

Incumbent	The Rev'd Duncan Hollands (from 10.9.24)
Self-Supporting p/t Associate Priest	The Rev'd Hayley Richens (to Sep 24)
Self-Supporting p/t Curate	The Rev'd Penny Thatcher (to May 24)
Churchwardens:	Lynne Mursell Jane Keen

#### Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Jean Nolan

Lynne Mursell

Carole Hodgson

Anne Davies

Gloria Brown (from April 2024)

**Elected PCC members:**

Christine Clark (Lay-vice chairman)

Linda Read

Anne Addiss

Fiona Benham

Hazel Bateman

Michael Cooke

Peter Hale

Peter Knight

Heather Blake

Gloria Brown

Sue Marsland

Paul Anfield

Stuart Divall

Sandy Groves

Barbara Dobson

**Co-opted for one year:**

Linda Read

Ewen Greenlees (Youth Minister)

Debbie Pearce (Children and Schools' Minister)

Stacey Brook

## Appendix 2

### Structure, Governance and Management

Parochial Church Councils were given a legal status for the first time under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 and by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1921. A Parochial Church Council is a body corporate which means the PCC is a separate body from the people who serve on it and no-one on the PCC can be made liable for its debts. Being a body corporate also means that a change in membership of the PCC does not affect the PCC's liability for its debts. Each new PCC should honour the contracts undertaken by the previous PCC.

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission (Registered charity No.1131152). The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules, and all church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

There are a maximum of 15 elected members who are elected to serve for a period of three years, and approximately one-third of the elected members retire every year, ensuring both continuity and an influx of fresh ideas. There are up to five Deanery Synod Representatives. New PCC members are given a copy of *The PCC Member's Essential Guide* by Mark Tanner. Additional advice and assistance to new members is available from the PCC Secretary throughout the year. Churchwardens and parish officers attend training provided by the Diocese when appropriate.

The Standing Committee comprises the Vicar (when in post), churchwardens, lay vice-chair, PCC treasurer, two other members of the PCC and the standing committee secretary (chosen annually by the council, non-voting). The Standing Committee transacts the business of the PCC between meetings, often at short notice, but is always subject to the direction of the PCC.

There are five sub-committees of the PCC: the Finance and Stewardship Committee; the Parish Church and Centre Committee, who are responsible for the fabric and management of their buildings and grounds; the Communications Committee; the Mission Committee, which considers both outreach and charitable giving; the Eco Church Committee. A copy of the Terms of Reference under which these sub-committees operate is available from the parish office. Officers are appointed annually to carry out specific tasks, e.g. safeguarding, health and safety. In 2024 appointed officers are listed in the minutes of the May PCC meeting.

In addition, the PCC appoints up to six representatives to the ecumenical Churches Together in Chandler's Ford Committee.

The PCC employs a part-time administrator, Suzie Pavitt, to run the parish office and supervise a team of volunteer office assistants. Gill Skates is employed by the PCC as part-time PA to the Vicar/parish and PCC Secretary. The PCC also employs a part-time Children and Schools' Minister, Debbie Pearce, and a full-time Youth Minister, Ewen Greenlees.



## **Appendix 3**

### **Charitable Objectives and Risk Management**

The PCC's general functions are set out in the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956, section 2: 'It shall be the duty of the minister and the PCC to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the Parish.'

The functions of the PCC are:

- 'Co-operation with the minister (i.e. the Vicar) in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.'

The Church is called to be pastoral – to look after individual people; to be evangelistic – to tell people the Good News and invite them to accept it; to be social – to help the poorer members of society and those suffering from racial, economic and other forms of injustice; and to be ecumenical – to encourage good relations with other Christian denominations.

The PCC's primary objective is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.'

- 'The consideration and discussion of matters concerning the Church of England or any other matters of religious or public interest, but not the declaration of the doctrine of the Church on any question.'
- 'Making known and putting into effect any provisions made by the Diocesan Synod or the Deanery Synod, but without prejudice to the powers of the council on any particular matter.'
- 'Giving advice to the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Synod on any matter referred to the council.'
- 'Raising such matters as the council consider appropriate with the Diocesan Synod or Deanery Synod.'

This shows the link between the PCC, the Deanery Synod and the Diocesan Synod. Each PCC has on it one or more members of the Deanery Synod who act as a link between the Deanery Synod and the council.

Financial objectives are outlined in the Financial Report beginning on page 27.

### **Risk Management**

As trustees, members of the PCC are aware of their corporate responsibility to monitor and manage the risks to which the PCC is exposed. At the last review, all major risks were assessed and mitigation steps taken to ensure they were managed to an acceptable level of risk. The risk register is available for inspection in the parish office. The PCC has appointed a risk management officer, Mrs Linda Read, who undertakes the reviews, overseen by the clergy and churchwardens.