

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB**

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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TRUSTEE REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the charity's Trust Deed and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and Activities

The purpose of the charity is the promotion of the ecclesiastical parish and the whole mission of the Church.

The PCC is committed to the vision statement of the church.

Summary of main activities

- Regular public worship open to all.
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- Taking religious assemblies in schools.
- The provision of a youth club with a Christian ethos.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings.

Public Benefit

In shaping our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have given consideration to the duties set out in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit and to the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit. In particular, the trustees have considered how the planned activities will contribute to overall aims and objectives that they have set.

Achievements and Performance

Fabric Report

Thank you for reading this report. It has been a year of countless reports and looking at estimates for work to be done to this church of St. Andrew's.

First item is the flat in the church hall. There has been much repair and upgrading of the electrics and there has been leaking in the flat. We must bring it up to standard so a management agency can be appointed. There is a lot of damp in the flat and we are looking into how this should be cleared up.

The slope from the pavement to the hall entrance is too steep for people to push wheelchairs and baby buggies. It was brought to our attention by church and hall users and especially Fr John Collins. We have asked the named Architect to draw up plans for making the slope compliant with the hope of sourcing a grant to fund the remedial work. The pathway from the hall to the disabled door at the side of the church needs to be widened for people in wheelchairs and with walking aids. It can only be widened on one side because of the Garden of Remembrance. We must make all pathways disabled accessible.

We are still waiting for the plans and money for the alterations for the back garden by the side of the church. Railway sleepers were used some time ago to hold an embankment back from the pathway used for a fire escape. This will need to be done during the next year as it was held up by the Archdean and the Architect as dangerous.

We need to look at the tower which needs to be repointed as mentioned in the last quinquennial inspection and still needs to be done, as we need to have another inspection in November this year.

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I have had reports of a broken drainpipe in the Rectory Garden. It does smell sometimes as you walk along the footpath. I have contacted the Diocese about this broken pipe, and I was told there is nothing we can do about it as Fr Will is still living in the Rectory. Fr Will has looked for the broken pipe but has not found it. As he is still living in the Rectory, he is the only person who can contact the Diocese as he remains in residence. We will have to wait until he has left, and we can go and have a look in the garden. The problem of being the Church of England, there are so many bylaws you must abide with (Canon Law).

There are other items to be done but we may have to apply to the Diocese for a Faculty and planning permission from the Council. This takes so long, it is not that we do not have the time or money to do these repairs, but because of the legal work to be passed.

I hope you are understanding in why projects take time to start and get going.

Robert Brown MBE
Churchwarden

Warden's Report

It has been a really busy year, with Fr Levison being made a curate in June; and Fr Will leaving us after just two years.

Fr Levison was made a Curate on Sunday, 9th of June, at St John's Mead in Eastbourne by the Bishop of Horsham. I was invited to attend as his Churchwarden. I was also invited by Fr. Levison to his celebration in a restaurant in Eastbourne. He has celebrated his first Christmas with us and this Easter will be his first Celebration of the Triduum of Easter. There was a big parish celebration shared with the Zinafe community the Sunday after so the whole Parish could partake in his celebration. There was also a wonderful meal afterwards which was cooked by members of the Zinafe community.

On September the 29th 2024, Fr Will left the parish to work for a charity called "Tear Fund". He has been given permission to preach within the Diocese of Chichester.

Fr Will was only with us for two years and we wish him happiness in his new work; plus, we hope he can find a new house and start a new life away from the church. We like to wish Fr Will every happiness. Fr Will did start a Sunday afternoon alternative service, which has changed to a Wednesday evening bible study group.

We have had some sad news in February last year, Bernard Fennell, our long serving Treasurer and Choir Master passed away. He has been very generous in leaving his flat to St. Andrew's and a generous gift of about £100,000. The PCC has voted to sell the flat and use the money to do essential repairs to the Pathway and the Sloop from the Hall to the pavement, which is for wheelchairs and pushchairs to use the disabled entrance. Bernard had attended St Andrew's all his life and we thank our Father in heaven for giving us a wonderful person, not only for St. Andrew's but also the Parish as a whole.

When Fr Will left us, it fell to me to be Chair of the PCC as laid down by Canon Law. The PCC has been under a lot of stress, since Fr Will's leaving. When I became leader of the PCC, it seemed a massive explosion of work came in the PCC remit. Many of the contracts had to be resubmitted to the Registrar of the Diocese, for approval. The slope up from the road up to the hall was very steep and almost impossible for Fr John Collins, our retired priest, to push his wife Rose up the slope so we have instructed our Architect to design and improve the access to the Church (More about this in the Fabric report). As stated earlier, it has been agreed to sell Bernard's flat.

A lady behind Holy Nativity, has requested access to the wastewater drain to allow greater use of the shower for her disabled son. This will be brought up in the Holy Nativity Report but has been brought up to at the Parish PCC. There are problems with trees in the grounds of Holy Nativity.

When Fr Will left, we had a chance to write to the Diocese about what sort of Priest we would like for the future. I have been using user involvement, for the past thirty years. I asked the congregation to write to the PCC to say what they felt would be the best type of priest we needed. Half of the congregation replied. At a PCC meeting we chose the different points which they said and when we had all the PCC comments, Mrs Amanda Healy and I compiled the Parish Profile.

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This was posted by email to all PCC members for them to attend a special meeting to agree or alter the profile. After two meetings we passed the profile to the Archdeacon Martin for submission. The Bishop of Lewes thought we went over the top in doing user involvement. I stated as the family of the church, they should be able to have a say in what priest they wanted so we chose to use this way to have user involvement. The profile is at the back of the church for people to read.

It is with good news that the Diocese has written an advert for the post of Rector of the parish. It is going into the Diocese Notice board and into the Church Times paper as well.

If anyone wants to look at the post of Rector, it is on the Diocese Notice Board. The interviews are on the 6th of May. Please pray that we get the correct person for our parish.

This is where I go wrong and will be told off for missing someone of list of Thank You's.

I would like to thank Fr Will for his work in the parish before he left us in September last year.

Thank you, Fr Levison Kandi and Fr John Collins, for their hard work in doing services for us in this interim. I like to thank Stephen George for being sacristan and looking after the server team. I like to thank the servers in acting so well at morning services. I would like to thank those who hand out books and papers on Sundays, those who tidy up the church after services. Those who do the lovely flowers, those who clean out the church, so it looks so tidy for us. Those that play the recording of the music for us on Sundays. These who make the tea and coffee in the hall after services. Those that do the grass cutting, and outside tidy up. I must say a Thank You to Stephen and Amanda Healy for organising the Summer Fair and Christmas Fair, these activities show the area that we are a church and that we are interested in them. It is the church in action, and we must thank them for all their hard work.

I would like to mention Cat Berman, who has now run five community events to invite outsiders in the community to take part in art, and other activities. We are getting 60 people to these events to introduce new people to our Church. It is for families. The adults enjoy the events even more than the children who turn up. Finally, I like to thank you. You may only turn up on a Sunday morning and leave straight after the service' but thank you for using us as your church whilst you are in Brighton.

I'm sorry if I have missed anybody out. Please pray for our parish, that we are becoming more active in our community and that people learn about our Lord and Saviour.

Robert Brown.
MBE Churchwarden

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Deanery Synod Report

The first meeting of the year was at St Laurence church in Falmer on the 5th of June 2024.

The Rural Dean Rev Emma Ham-Riche introduced the Lay Chair of All Saint's Hove church, Catherine Halloran, she gave a talk on the launch of the Brighton/Hove Children and Youth Hubs within the City of Brighton & Hove. This is regarding finding provision for young people.

The Lay chair of the Deanery Synod, Mr. Martin Auton Lloyd, gave information to those who wished to put themselves forward to go on to the Diocese Elections, you needed to fill in forms so that people can vote on to the Diocese Synod this is the next layer of Church Government.

The Rural Dean told the meeting that several church parishes remain without priests.

Rev Felix Mascaren has left The Church of the Good Shepherd.

Rev Ben Edan was going leave St. Bartholomew.

Rev Louise Oliver would be inducted in at St Nicholas Saltdean.

It was also mentioned that 2025 would be the 950th year anniversary of Chichester Cathedral and the Diocese will have many events, with the first event taking place in Brighton when the Deanery will meet on the 30th of January 2025 at St Peters church.

The next meeting was on the evening of 26th of June 2024 at All Saints, Patcham.

The Rural Dean Emma introduced Sarah Rogers, who is the Diocesan Parish Advisor for Financial, Stewardship and Governance. She stated that the Charity Sector in 2022 raised four billion pounds. She said that it would be nice that everybody in the church should have a "WILL". She also added that it would be nice to leave your church a gift in your will. We should leave forms in Pews or in chairs so that people can leave a donation to the church and a gift aid form so we can claim money back from the Government from Gift Aid. This roughly means about 28 pence in the Pound given the church can claim from the Government.

Rural Dean spoke about the vacancies in the Deanery. She mentioned Rev Will Leaf; St. Andrew's will leave on the 29th of September 2024.

Rev Andrew Woodward formal Rural Dean and the Archdeacon Rev Martin gave two speeches to thank Carole Copelin the Deanery Secretary, who was retiring after thirteen years. She was given a bouquet of flowers and book token for her hard work. Carole then gave a thank you talk and introduced the new Secretary Jennifer Wheeler from All Saints, Patcham.

The 27th of November 2024 was the final meeting of the Deanery Synod. It was at St Paul's, West Street. The first item on the agenda was a talk on what the Deanery could do to raise money for the Christian Aid Charity. The only problem was the actual area supervisor lived in Dover, so does not come over to Sussex. The Synod gave a comment to see what each individual Parishes wanted to do this year.

There was a talk from St Luke's Prestonville. They run a money advise centre to help local people to sort out the financial problems and help people to work out a debit. They have helped a few people from the Moulsecoomb area in this work.

The Deanery Treasurer gave feedback stating that there is a deficit in the money promised from each church of the Deanery.

The deficit was £83K. If you are not going to be able to pay your fair share of the quota, please let him know by halfway through the year.

Sarah Deveney

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Into University

Will, Cat and I met half-termly with Jazmin from Into University until Will left, and since then Anne has rejoined the meetings. I now minute these meetings and give updates to the PCC.

The contract between St Andrew's and Into University was never signed off by the Diocese, and this is now in progress.

There have been some changes to the Into University team over the year, with Hattie leaving in October and Aayushi leaving at Christmas, but the new staff have fitted in well. Into University staff past and present have continued to run stalls at the Summer and Christmas Fairs and appreciate getting to know members of the St Andrew's family. They also have an excellent working relationship with the Boys Brigade/Girls Association and a number of young people go on to BB/GA on Tuesdays after their Academic Support sessions at Into University.

Into University are keen to collaborate with us to tell the community of our different activities. They have produced leaflets for the BB/GA, and we share leaflets about church and IU activities with families at our various events, displaying posters where the community can see them. Cat also plans to share events on the church website. We liaise about use of the hall during school holidays, so that CHOMP and church events for families can be planned for days when IU do not need the hall.

I continue to volunteer with Into University every week and have also helped with some of their holiday activities.

Into University have recently offered to have their office, the hall kitchen, and hall toilets re-decorated at their expense, and this has been agreed by the PCC.

Amanda Healey

STACKers Report

We are grateful for another wonderful year of STACKers and the opportunity to support this arm of mission for the church. As always it has been a brilliant year filled with storytelling, crafts, games, music and supporting the congregation's children to understand their faith better and develop their relationship with God. We continue to maintain a steady and dedicated group of children, with new visitors coming sporadically and a steadily growing group of consistent children from local families in attendance.

The group have continued to develop their relationship with each other, the Church, and its congregation have continued to explore their journey in faith. This year we lost one of our regular members as their family has moved out of the area, we wish them the very best in their next chapter and look forward to them popping in when they visit.

Some of this year's highlights include; A time capsule, seeing medals brought in by John Chate, creating a hand poppy wreath, learning how to use the bible, and making maps of our community, alongside lots of games, quizzes and of course chocolate prizes to keep energy levels up. Our aim remains the same each year, to gently walk with the Children of St Andrew's in exploring some of the key Christian concepts of prayer, our church, our community, forgiveness, temptation, kindness, trust, service, bearing fruit and recognising our own beauty as being made in the image of God. All helping to journey young people in their faith.

We are pleased to say this year we have successfully run teas and coffees on the second Sunday of each month and the children have worked hard afterwards, collecting, washing and drying the cups. They do make an excellent team.

Additionally, we are pleased to see a number of our group have joined the serving team this year and continue to explore this part of their faith and life in the church.

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We are incredibly grateful to the congregation for their ongoing support, kindness and welcome to the children in the church. As you will be aware, children's ministry can be hard and this year we decided to pause our normal pattern while we took some time to evaluate the best next steps for STACKers, amidst a changing group, changes in the church and changing commitments of the team. We would like to offer special thanks to Fiona Warne, Jean Clarke, Vincent Lewry and Kate Lim for stepping in over the last three months to support STACKers and allow it the time to think and pray on its next steps, without impacting the offer to the children. You are Fantastic! We are very pleased to say that from April onwards STACKers will return to its normal service, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, with a bigger rejuvenated team to support this ministry and enable Cat and John some additional capacity to serve in other areas of church life. Additionally, a thank you to Claire Childs who has also stepped forward to help with STACKers in the coming year, and Aitch Grahame, who will be supporting the work indirectly in her role as Designated Safeguarding Officer. We cannot wait for the year ahead with the skills, expertise and dedication of such a wonderful group of volunteers.

As we look forward to the coming year, we will continue to focus on encouraging new children and families into the life of the church and creating a safe, inclusive and engaging space to allow the children to explore the Christian faith. We ask for your prayers for this new chapter in the life of Children's work at St Andrew's and the wonderful fruits it will bear, with such a talented group of volunteers

With heartfelt thanks,

John and Cat (STACKers Leaders)

Boys Brigade and Girls Association Report

This year has been full of positives, firstly our numbers grew again at the start of the session but is the way they dropped off as we went on. I have now joined up with Into University, to have a double-sided leaflet and a leaflet drop being done soon.

Although it seems like a long time ago now, but the summer was beautiful and very hot, this was great news for Battalion Camp at Glynde. For the first time in 8/9 years, we had children who signed up, and for the first time we sent girls. After a discussion with the parents, we decided that the members needed to raise the funding for camp themselves, this was to demonstrate resilience and commitment. We arranged and executed a 5-course meal which we asked people to donate what they think its worth. Oh my! What a response, the generosity of all those who attended was out of this world. We also had a sponsored walk from the marina to Rottingdean on the undercliff walk. This managed to finish off the funding for all those who signed up for camp, all 5 members were fully funded. The generosity continued with camp sleeping bags, and roll mats being donated, it was very humbling to see the love and deep admiration that St Andrews has with the Boys Brigade and Girls Association.

I decided after some time that it was time to get Father Will as our company chaplain, whoops, after I arranged this within two weeks Will announced he was leaving the Parish. We still had Father John Michael but with his and Rose's health I wanted someone to share the burden with him.

After some deep and meaningful prayers, I was led to ask Father Levison if he would consider this, after he had thought, prayed and discussed this he agreed, and I am very pleased to say that all our pastoral needs are now in the hands of Father Levison.

We have been very blessed again this year with the presence of both Kevin Clarke and Robert Brown, who both have attended to help us out. I also need to thank Stephen George, Gemma Tyrer, Karen Baker for all their hard work and dedication. Unfortunately, due to a change of employment we had to say farewell to Meghan, but she will still be about for events.

So as we enter another APCM, we are in the throes of more fundraising for this year's camp, and yes we are in another interregnum but the Boys Brigade and Girls Association is solid and going from strength to strength, however, I cannot run this for ever more and succession needs to be looked at, as a matter of urgency. If something were to happen to me, there needs to be someone who can step in or you will lose this vital and well supported children's sector.

God Bless you all
Lynn

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SG Report

I became SG Lead in September 24 and have completed all 3 of the CofE training sessions.

St Andrews now has a SG team – Levison (Assist Curate), Cat (Parish Admin) and me. We first met in November 24. From this meeting various items were agreed:

1. SG team to meet quarterly, or sooner if issue arises.
2. SG Poster created and displayed, SG team WhatsApp group created and a secure SG file on ShareFile set up.
3. Discussion on Stackers provision:
 - Recommended to the PCC that, while numbers remain the same as at present, at least 2 adults have DBS. This was agreed at PCC.
 - SG Lead to attend Stackers and observe. Done
 - All church members to be aware of SG team and how to report an issue. Communicated via poster and news sheet. Done
 - All PCC members to have completed SG training by Jan 25.
 - RA to be carried out on all Church activities to ensure that SG procedures and H&S policies are being followed. Ongoing

Aitch Grahame,
SG Lead

Clergy Annual Report

Since the departure of our Parish Priest-in-Charge in September 2024, I have been responsible for the liturgical and pastoral aspects of this Parish Church in my capacity as Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Moulsecoomb with Bevendean and Coldean and this forms the basis of my short report.

Our mission statement, "We're the local parish church for Moulsecoomb and Bevendean. We are here to extend God's invitation to a fruitful life! In this season we're exploring a new relationship between the traditional and new expressions of life with God, so we're gathering a prayerful community of friends on a mission with Moulsecoomb and Bevendean. Why not come and join us or get in touch? We'd love to meet you!" continues to inspire people and is a good measuring stick with which we assess the outcome of our missionary work within the communities of Moulsecoomb and Bevendean.

In the past few months, our regular morning service has stabilised and continues to attract new people, some of whom have become regular attendees to our Sunday morning Mass. Attendances at the various seasonal services has been varied but encouraging as numbers have risen compared to previous years. Our main Sunday morning Service is typically of the Anglo-Catholic tradition and follows the Common Worship Lectionary. The second informal (alternative) afternoon worship has also taken root with the first Sunday informal worship now taking place at Holy Nativity Church, Bevendean while the other Sundays remain at St Andrew's Moulsecoomb. The informal worship service is led by lay people on a rota basis which is encouraging. I pray that through these different styles of Services, our Parish Church can create worship spaces for all people to find a spiritual home with us, where they can come to encounter God, make friends and have access to our pastoral services.

Our Parish Church continues to have a reasonable focus on community work, especially in the youth and children's ministry. St Andrew's parishioners continue to support the Food Bank run at Holy Nativity Bevendean. Our Summer and Christmas Fayres continue to attract good participation of the local community. Last year we hosted community children & youth events that were well attended, and we are continuing with the trend this year. Holy Nativity Bevendean continues to hold evening mid-week Said Mass on Thursdays and hosts all our Parish Church Festivals that fall on a Thursday. However, it is the Christingles usually held on Christmas Eve that attracts more people into the Church and that is the highlight of that Church.

We were privileged to welcome the Bishop of Lewes to St Andrew's on Mothering Sunday, and he was pleased to see how the church has remained stable during the current interregnum. The Bishop was pleased to note that we were running the Church of England Bible Studies on Wednesdays and the Diocese of Chichester Lent Course on Thursdays during the Lenten season.

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As a Curate in interregnum, I was assigned an Acting Training Incumbent who is the Vicar of St Nicholas Brighton, hence I go there once every month to alternatively celebrate the Mass and preach. Curtesy of the Revd Betsy Gray-Hammond, I also have the opportunity to preside over the Mass at St Mary Magdalene's Coldean. I am, therefore, grateful to the parishioners of Moulsecoomb, Bevendean, Coldean and St Nicholas Brighton, for the support I enjoy. I also take this opportunity to acknowledge Fr John Collins for his dedication to his ministry work at St Andrew's and for all his encouragement and support as I navigate my Curacy.

I also acknowledge and appreciate all the various teams that have kept the wheels of this parish Church rolling and I pray showers of blessings on you all.

Revd Fr Levison Kandi
Assistant Curate
Benefice of Moulsecoomb with Bevendean & Coldean.

Treasurer's Report

My appointment as Treasurer and a member of the PCC was ratified at the APCM in April. Since then, I have continued to gain a greater understanding of the role and its responsibilities.

The total income for all activities was £220,342.
The total expenditure was £121,076.

As in previous years, the church was able to meet its financial responsibilities and keep short accounts with its suppliers.

The rental income of the Holy Nativity manse, St Andrews flat and the use of St Andrews church hall by Into University remained unchanged. In addition, rental income was received from a wide variety of local interest groups at Holy Nativity and St Andrews.

Following the death of Bernard Fennell, who has served the church for decades as choir master, BB officer and Treasurer, the Church was informed by his executor that a significant legacy had been made in his will. The final value is unknown at this time, but the process will be completed in 2025. This will allow some of the larger outstanding building maintenance projects to be completed. It will be incumbent upon the PCC to respect Bernard's love for the Church and use his generous legacy with purpose and discernment.

The Church continues to enjoy funds on the deposit with CCLA, so it will be able to meet its many commitments in 2025.

It should be noted that the inclusion of the legacy from Bernard Fennell's estate is included in 2024 accounts, receipt of funds will not take place until 2025.

Alan Grahame,
Treasurer.

Reserves policy

Reserves held previously have amounted to an equivalent of six months of expenditure during a financial year. For the year of 2024, this reserve amounts to £211,190. Our closing balance achieves this and so we expect to continue to have sufficient cash flow to continue to pay bills when they fall due

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TRUSTEES REPORT

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Structure, governance and management of the charity

Office (if any)	Trustee name
<i>Chairperson</i>	Robert Brown MBE
<i>Treasurer</i>	Alan Grahame
<i>Secretary</i>	Kevin Clarke
<i>Churchwarden</i>	Robert Brown MBE
<i>Elected Members:</i>	Kudakwashe Madzivanyika
	Sarah Deveney
	Amanda Healey
	Levison Kandi
	Rev'd John William Michael Collins
	Lynn Burtenshaw

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the accounts

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that year.

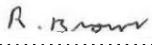
In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by:

Robert Brown MBE, Chairperson

Signed 

Date 20th May 2025

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 11 - 20.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

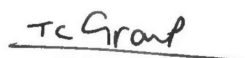
I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Mark Cummins FCCA FCIE

On behalf of TC Group

Office: Steyning, West Sussex

Dated: 21st May 2025

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB**
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Designated funds	2024	2023
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3	130,159	11,259	-	141,418	62,130
Other trading activities	4	27,900	-	-	27,900	27,000
Charitable activities	5	49,365	-	-	49,365	42,848
Investments	6	1,659	-	-	1,659	1,896
Total income		209,083	11,259	-	220,342	133,874
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities		103,320	16,150	1,606	121,076	116,024
Total expenditure	7	103,320	16,150	1,606	121,076	116,024
Net income/(expenditure)		105,763	(4,891)	(1,606)	99,266	17,850
Transfer between funds	15	(1,351)	1,351	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		104,412	(3,540)	(1,606)	99,266	17,850
Reconciliation of funds	17					
Total funds brought forward		101,214	3,540	7,170	111,924	94,074
Total funds carried forward		205,626	-	5,564	211,190	111,924

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB
BALANCE SHEET**

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		4,760		6,103
Current assets					
Debtors	13	103,762		3,804	
Cash at bank and in hand		108,901		106,183	
		<u>212,663</u>		<u>109,987</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(6,233)		(4,166)	
Net current assets			<u>206,430</u>		<u>105,821</u>
Net assets			<u>211,190</u>		<u>111,924</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds			205,626		101,214
Restricted funds	15		-		3,540
Designated funds	16		5,564		7,170
Total funds			<u>211,190</u>		<u>111,924</u>

The accounts were approved by the Board on 20th May 2025



Robert Brown MBE

Chairperson

Charity Registration No.: 1131166

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Legal status of charitable company

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Moulsecoomb is a charity. The charity's registered number and office address can be found on the Legal and Administrative Information page.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Moulsecoomb meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

There are no material uncertainties about The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Moulsecoomb's ability to continue as a going concern.

The functional currency of the charity is pounds sterling. Amounts are rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

2.2 Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, it is probable the income will be received, and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as income when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Income from charitable activities comprises grants awarded for activities undertaken by the charity's project partners. Grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable unless a grant is subject to donor-imposed conditions that specify the time period in which the expenditure of the resources can take place; in which case they are deferred.

Investment income and other income is accounted for when received.

2.3 Expenditure and basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis with the irrecoverable element of VAT included with the item to which it relates and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities comprise all expenditure directly relating to the objectives of the charity.

Governance costs (included within Support costs) comprise all costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements with which the charity must comply.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Accounting Policies (continued)

2.4 Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided on all capitalised assets at rates estimated to write off the cost less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Office equipment - 20% straight line

Computer equipment - 20% straight line

2.5 Debtors

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

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The trustees seek to use short term deposits to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

2.7 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

2.8 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are to be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds comprise monies raised for, and their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or donations subject to conditions imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds assigned by the Trustees to be used for particular purposes.

2.9 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Legacies	100,000	-	-	100,000	1,000
Regular Giving	15,179	-	-	15,179	10,325
Loose Plate Collection	2,842	-	-	2,842	2,466
One off donations	1,750	-	-	1,750	8,008
Other donations	580	-	-	580	769
Gift Aid received	3,980	-	-	3,980	7,033
Grants received	5,828	11,259	-	17,087	32,529
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Total income from donations and legacies	130,159	11,259	-	141,418	62,130
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4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds £	Designated funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
St Andrew's Flat Rent	8,400	-	-	8,400	8,100
Barn Lodge Rent	19,500	-	-	19,500	18,900
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Total income from other trading activities	27,900	-	-	27,900	27,000
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5 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Funeral fees	124	-	-	124	299
Baptism fees	-	-	-	-	103
Wedding fees	688	-	-	688	-
Banns Certificates	-	-	-	-	36
Fete Sales	3,679	-	-	3,679	3,079
St Andrew's - Hall hire	4,940	-	-	4,940	2,215
St Andrew's - Church hire	1,386	-	-	1,386	300
St Andrew's - Into University (hall hire)	27,553	-	-	27,553	26,750
Holy Nativity - Church/Hall hire	10,995	-	-	10,995	10,136
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Total income from charitable activities	49,365	-	-	49,365	42,848
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
CBF Deposit Account Interest	1,659	-	-	1,659	1,896
Total income from investments	1,659	-	-	1,659	1,896

7 Total expenditure

	Staff Costs	Depreciation	Other Costs	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Activities undertaken directly	-	-	103,092	103,092	95,288
Support costs	14,481	1,343	2,160	17,984	20,736
Total Expenditure	14,481	1,343	105,252	121,076	116,024

Analysis of other support costs

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Governance costs	2,160	960
	2,160	960

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

8 Comparative Funds – Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

SOFA	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total 2023
<u>Income from:</u>	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	30,459	27,529	4,142	62,130
Other trading activities	27,000	-	-	27,000
Charitable activities	42,848	-	-	42,848
Investments	1,896	-	-	1,896
Total income	102,203	27,529	4,142	133,874
<u>Expenditure on:</u>				
Charitable activities	87,623	23,989	4,412	116,024
Total expenditure	87,623	23,989	4,412	116,024
Net income/(expenditure)	14,580	3,540	(270)	17,850
Net movement in funds	14,580	3,540	(270)	17,850
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	86,634	-	7,440	94,074
Total funds carried forward	101,214	3,540	7,170	111,924

9 Trustees

No trustees received reimbursements during the year (2023: 4 trustees reimbursed £4,106). No trustee remuneration was paid in the current year (2023: £165).

10 Employees

Number of employees

The charity employed **one** employee during the year (2023: one).

Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	14,002	15,830
Social security costs	300	2,675
Pension contributions	179	656
	14,481	19,161

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

11 Taxation

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Moulsecoomb is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	5,217	1,501	6,718
As at 31 December 2024	5,217	1,501	6,718
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	565	50	615
Charge for the year	1,043	300	1,343
As at 31 December 2024	1,608	350	1,958
Net book value			
As at 31 December 2024	3,609	1,151	4,760
At 1 January 2024	4,652	1,451	6,103

13 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	3,303	2,800
Prepayments and accrued income	100,000	505
HMRC and NI debtor	459	315
Agency Funds	-	184
	103,762	3,804

14 Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	290	1,314
Accruals and deferred income	5,553	2,852
Other Creditors	36	-
Agency Funds	354	-
	6,233	4,166

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

15 Restricted Funds

Fund name	1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer	31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Strategic Development Fund	3,540	11,259	(16,150)	1,351	-
	<u>3,540</u>	<u>11,259</u>	<u>(16,150)</u>	<u>1,351</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,540</u>	<u>11,259</u>	<u>(16,150)</u>	<u>1,351</u>	<u>-</u>

Strategic Development Fund is a grant from the Diocese. The Church submit receipts and invoices each month, which are reimbursed. The grant is specifically for the revitalisation of the church and its community. The transfer from unrestricted funds is to fund an overspend on the strategic development fund.

16 Designated Funds

Fund name	1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer	31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Sussex Community Foundation	5,564	-	-	-	5,564
Holy Nativity	1,606	-	(1,606)	-	-
	<u>7,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,606)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,564</u>
	<u>7,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,606)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,564</u>

Sussex Community Foundation is assigned to setting up a toddler's group.
Holy Nativity are funds designated towards another church building.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	4,760	-	-	4,760
Current assets	207,099	-	5,564	212,663
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(6,233)	-	-	(6,233)
	<u>205,626</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,564</u>	<u>211,190</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	6,103	-	-	6,103
Current assets	99,277	3,540	7,170	109,987
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(4,166)	-	-	(4,166)
	<u>101,214</u>	<u>3,540</u>	<u>7,170</u>	<u>111,924</u>

18 Ultimate controlling party

The charity was under the control of the Trustees during the period under review.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB**

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustees

Robert Brown MBE (Chairperson)
Alan Grahame (appointed 21 January 2024)
Lynn Burtenshaw
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Kudakwashe Madzivanyika
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB TRUSTEE REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the charity's Trust Deed and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and Activities

The purpose of the charity is the promotion of the ecclesiastical parish and the whole mission of the Church.

The PCC is committed to the vision statement of the church.

Summary of main activities

- Regular public worship open to all.
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- Taking religious assemblies in schools.
- The provision of a youth club with a Christian ethos.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings.

Public Benefit

In shaping our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have given consideration to the duties set out in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit and to the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit. In particular, the trustees have considered how the planned activities will contribute to overall aims and objectives that they have set.

Achievements and Performance

Fabric Report

Thank you for reading this report. It has been a year of countless reports and looking at estimates for work to be done to this church of St. Andrew's.

First item is the flat in the church hall. There has been much repair and upgrading of the electrics and there has been leaking in the flat. We must bring it up to standard so a management agency can be appointed. There is a lot of damp in the flat and we are looking into how this should be cleared up.

The slope from the pavement to the hall entrance is too steep for people to push wheelchairs and baby buggies. It was brought to our attention by church and hall users and especially Fr John Collins. We have asked the named Architect to draw up plans for making the slope compliant with the hope of sourcing a grant to fund the remedial work. The pathway from the hall to the disabled door at the side of the church needs to be widened for people in wheelchairs and with walking aids. It can only be widened on one side because of the Garden of Remembrance. We must make all pathways disabled accessible.

We are still waiting for the plans and money for the alterations for the back garden by the side of the church. Railway sleepers were used some time ago to hold an embankment back from the pathway used for a fire escape. This will need to be done during the next year as it was held up by the Archdean and the Architect as dangerous.

We need to look at the tower which needs to be repointed as mentioned in the last quinquennial inspection and still needs to be done, as we need to have another inspection in November this year.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I have had reports of a broken drainpipe in the Rectory Garden. It does smell sometimes as you walk along the footpath. I have contacted the Diocese about this broken pipe, and I was told there is nothing we can do about it as Fr Will is still living in the Rectory. Fr Will has looked for the broken pipe but has not found it. As he is still living in the Rectory, he is the only person who can contact the Diocese as he remains in residence. We will have to wait until he has left, and we can go and have a look in the garden. The problem of being the Church of England, there are so many bylaws you must abide with (Canon Law).

There are other items to be done but we may have to apply to the Diocese for a Faculty and planning permission from the Council. This takes so long, it is not that we do not have the time or money to do these repairs, but because of the legal work to be passed.

I hope you are understanding in why projects take time to start and get going.

Robert Brown MBE
Churchwarden

Warden's Report

It has been a really busy year, with Fr Levison being made a curate in June; and Fr Will leaving us after just two years.

Fr Levison was made a Curate on Sunday, 9th of June, at St John's Mead in Eastbourne by the Bishop of Horsham. I was invited to attend as his Churchwarden. I was also invited by Fr. Levison to his celebration in a restaurant in Eastbourne. He has celebrated his first Christmas with us and this Easter will be his first Celebration of the Triduum of Easter. There was a big parish celebration shared with the Zinafe community the Sunday after so the whole Parish could partake in his celebration. There was also a wonderful meal afterwards which was cooked by members of the Zinafe community.

On September the 29th 2024, Fr Will left the parish to work for a charity called "Tear Fund". He has been given permission to preach within the Diocese of Chichester.

Fr Will was only with us for two years and we wish him happiness in his new work; plus, we hope he can find a new house and start a new life away from the church. We like to wish Fr Will every happiness. Fr Will did start a Sunday afternoon alternative service, which has changed to a Wednesday evening bible study group.

We have had some sad news in February last year, Bernard Fennell, our long serving Treasurer and Choir Master passed away. He has been very generous in leaving his flat to St. Andrew's and a generous gift of about £100,000. The PCC has voted to sell the flat and use the money to do essential repairs to the Pathway and the Sloop from the Hall to the pavement, which is for wheelchairs and pushchairs to use the disabled entrance. Bernard had attended St Andrew's all his life and we thank our Father in heaven for giving us a wonderful person, not only for St. Andrew's but also the Parish as a whole.

When Fr Will left us, it fell to me to be Chair of the PCC as laid down by Canon Law. The PCC has been under a lot of stress, since Fr Will's leaving. When I became leader of the PCC, it seemed a massive explosion of work came in the PCC remit. Many of the contracts had to be resubmitted to the Registrar of the Diocese, for approval. The slope up from the road up to the hall was very steep and almost impossible for Fr John Collins, our retired priest, to push his wife Rose up the slope so we have instructed our Architect to design and improve the access to the Church (More about this in the Fabric report). As stated earlier, it has been agreed to sell Bernard's flat.

A lady behind Holy Nativity, has requested access to the wastewater drain to allow greater use of the shower for her disabled son. This will be brought up in the Holy Nativity Report but has been brought up to at the Parish PCC. There are problems with trees in the grounds of Holy Nativity.

When Fr Will left, we had a chance to write to the Diocese about what sort of Priest we would like for the future. I have been using user involvement, for the past thirty years. I asked the congregation to write to the PCC to say what they felt would be the best type of priest we needed. Half of the congregation replied. At a PCC meeting we chose the different points which they said and when we had all the PCC comments, Mrs Amanda Healy and I compiled the Parish Profile.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

This was posted by email to all PCC members for them to attend a special meeting to agree or alter the profile. After two meetings we passed the profile to the Archdeacon Martin for submission. The Bishop of Lewes thought we went over the top in doing user involvement. I stated as the family of the church, they should be able to have a say in what priest they wanted so we chose to use this way to have user involvement. The profile is at the back of the church for people to read.

It is with good news that the Diocese has written an advert for the post of Rector of the parish. It is going into the Diocese Notice board and into the Church Times paper as well.

If anyone wants to look at the post of Rector, it is on the Diocese Notice Board. The interviews are on the 6th of May. Please pray that we get the correct person for our parish.

This is where I go wrong and will be told off for missing someone of list of Thank You's.

I would like to thank Fr Will for his work in the parish before he left us in September last year.

Thank you, Fr Levison Kandi and Fr John Collins, for their hard work in doing services for us in this interim. I like to thank Stephen George for being sacristan and looking after the server team. I like to thank the servers in acting so well at morning services. I would like to thank those who hand out books and papers on Sundays, those who tidy up the church after services. Those who do the lovely flowers, those who clean out the church, so it looks so tidy for us. Those that play the recording of the music for us on Sundays. These who make the tea and coffee in the hall after services. Those that do the grass cutting, and outside tidy up. I must say a Thank You to Stephen and Amanda Healy for organising the Summer Fair and Christmas Fair, these activities show the area that we are a church and that we are interested in them. It is the church in action, and we must thank them for all their hard work.

I would like to mention Cat Berman, who has now run five community events to invite outsiders in the community to take part in art, and other activities. We are getting 60 people to these events to introduce new people to our Church. It is for families. The adults enjoy the events even more than the children who turn up. Finally, I like to thank you. You may only turn up on a Sunday morning and leave straight after the service' but thank you for using us as your church whilst you are in Brighton.

I'm sorry if I have missed anybody out. Please pray for our parish, that we are becoming more active in our community and that people learn about our Lord and Saviour.

Robert Brown.
MBE Churchwarden

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Deanery Synod Report

The first meeting of the year was at St Laurence church in Falmer on the 5th of June 2024.

The Rural Dean Rev Emma Ham-Riche introduced the Lay Chair of All Saint's Hove church, Catherine Halloran, she gave a talk on the launch of the Brighton/Hove Children and Youth Hubs within the City of Brighton & Hove. This is regarding finding provision for young people.

The Lay chair of the Deanery Synod, Mr. Martin Auton Lloyd, gave information to those who wished to put themselves forward to go on to the Diocese Elections, you needed to fill in forms so that people can vote on to the Diocese Synod this is the next layer of Church Government.

The Rural Dean told the meeting that several church parishes remain without priests.

Rev Felix Mascaren has left The Church of the Good Shepherd.

Rev Ben Edan was going leave St. Bartholomew.

Rev Louise Oliver would be inducted in at St Nicholas Saltdean.

It was also mentioned that 2025 would be the 950th year anniversary of Chichester Cathedral and the Diocese will have many events, with the first event taking place in Brighton when the Deanery will meet on the 30th of January 2025 at St Peters church.

The next meeting was on the evening of 26th of June 2024 at All Saints, Patcham.

The Rural Dean Emma introduced Sarah Rogers, who is the Diocesan Parish Advisor for Financial, Stewardship and Governance. She stated that the Charity Sector in 2022 raised four billion pounds. She said that it would be nice that everybody in the church should have a "WILL". She also added that it would be nice to leave your church a gift in your will. We should leave forms in Pews or in chairs so that people can leave a donation to the church and a gift aid form so we can claim money back from the Government from Gift Aid. This roughly means about 28 pence in the Pound given the church can claim from the Government.

Rural Dean spoke about the vacancies in the Deanery. She mentioned Rev Will Leaf; St. Andrew's will leave on the 29th of September 2024.

Rev Andrew Woodward formal Rural Dean and the Archdeacon Rev Martin gave two speeches to thank Carole Copelin the Deanery Secretary, who was retiring after thirteen years. She was given a bouquet of flowers and book token for her hard work. Carole then gave a thank you talk and introduced the new Secretary Jennifer Wheeler from All Saints, Patcham.

The 27th of November 2024 was the final meeting of the Deanery Synod. It was at St Paul's, West Street. The first item on the agenda was a talk on what the Deanery could do to raise money for the Christian Aid Charity. The only problem was the actual area supervisor lived in Dover, so does not come over to Sussex. The Synod gave a comment to see what each individual Parishes wanted to do this year.

There was a talk from St Luke's Prestonville. They run a money advise centre to help local people to sort out the financial problems and help people to work out a debit. They have helped a few people from the Moulsecoomb area in this work.

The Deanery Treasurer gave feedback stating that there is a deficit in the money promised from each church of the Deanery.

The deficit was £83K. If you are not going to be able to pay your fair share of the quota, please let him know by halfway through the year.

Sarah Deveney

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Into University

Will, Cat and I met half-termly with Jazmin from Into University until Will left, and since then Anne has rejoined the meetings. I now minute these meetings and give updates to the PCC.

The contract between St Andrew's and Into University was never signed off by the Diocese, and this is now in progress.

There have been some changes to the Into University team over the year, with Hattie leaving in October and Aayushi leaving at Christmas, but the new staff have fitted in well. Into University staff past and present have continued to run stalls at the Summer and Christmas Fairs and appreciate getting to know members of the St Andrew's family. They also have an excellent working relationship with the Boys Brigade/Girls Association and a number of young people go on to BB/GA on Tuesdays after their Academic Support sessions at Into University.

Into University are keen to collaborate with us to tell the community of our different activities. They have produced leaflets for the BB/GA, and we share leaflets about church and IU activities with families at our various events, displaying posters where the community can see them. Cat also plans to share events on the church website. We liaise about use of the hall during school holidays, so that CHOMP and church events for families can be planned for days when IU do not need the hall.

I continue to volunteer with Into University every week and have also helped with some of their holiday activities.

Into University have recently offered to have their office, the hall kitchen, and hall toilets re-decorated at their expense, and this has been agreed by the PCC.

Amanda Healey

STACKers Report

We are grateful for another wonderful year of STACKers and the opportunity to support this arm of mission for the church. As always it has been a brilliant year filled with storytelling, crafts, games, music and supporting the congregation's children to understand their faith better and develop their relationship with God. We continue to maintain a steady and dedicated group of children, with new visitors coming sporadically and a steadily growing group of consistent children from local families in attendance.

The group have continued to develop their relationship with each other, the Church, and its congregation have continued to explore their journey in faith. This year we lost one of our regular members as their family has moved out of the area, we wish them the very best in their next chapter and look forward to them popping in when they visit.

Some of this year's highlights include; A time capsule, seeing medals brought in by John Chate, creating a hand poppy wreath, learning how to use the bible, and making maps of our community, alongside lots of games, quizzes and of course chocolate prizes to keep energy levels up. Our aim remains the same each year, to gently walk with the Children of St Andrew's in exploring some of the key Christian concepts of prayer, our church, our community, forgiveness, temptation, kindness, trust, service, bearing fruit and recognising our own beauty as being made in the image of God. All helping to journey young people in their faith.

We are pleased to say this year we have successfully run teas and coffees on the second Sunday of each month and the children have worked hard afterwards, collecting, washing and drying the cups. They do make an excellent team.

Additionally, we are pleased to see a number of our group have joined the serving team this year and continue to explore this part of their faith and life in the church.

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We are incredibly grateful to the congregation for their ongoing support, kindness and welcome to the children in the church. As you will be aware, children's ministry can be hard and this year we decided to pause our normal pattern while we took some time to evaluate the best next steps for STACKers, amidst a changing group, changes in the church and changing commitments of the team. We would like to offer special thanks to Fiona Warne, Jean Clarke, Vincent Lewry and Kate Lim for stepping in over the last three months to support STACKers and allow it the time to think and pray on its next steps, without impacting the offer to the children. You are Fantastic! We are very pleased to say that from April onwards STACKers will return to its normal service, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, with a bigger rejuvenated team to support this ministry and enable Cat and John some additional capacity to serve in other areas of church life. Additionally, a thank you to Claire Childs who has also stepped forward to help with STACKers in the coming year, and Aitch Grahame, who will be supporting the work indirectly in her role as Designated Safeguarding Officer. We cannot wait for the year ahead with the skills, expertise and dedication of such a wonderful group of volunteers.

As we look forward to the coming year, we will continue to focus on encouraging new children and families into the life of the church and creating a safe, inclusive and engaging space to allow the children to explore the Christian faith. We ask for your prayers for this new chapter in the life of Children's work at St Andrew's and the wonderful fruits it will bear, with such a talented group of volunteers

With heartfelt thanks,

John and Cat (STACKers Leaders)

Boys Brigade and Girls Association Report

This year has been full of positives, firstly our numbers grew again at the start of the session but in the way they dropped off as we went on. I have now joined up with Into University, to have a double-sided leaflet and a leaflet drop being done soon.

Although it seems like a long time ago now, but the summer was beautiful and very hot, this was great news for Battalion Camp at Glynde. For the first time in 8/9 years, we had children who signed up, and for the first time we sent girls. After a discussion with the parents, we decided that the members needed to raise the funding for camp themselves, this was to demonstrate resilience and commitment. We arranged and executed a 5-course meal which we asked people to donate what they think its worth. Oh my! What a response, the generosity of all those who attended was out of this world. We also had a sponsored walk from the marina to Rottingdean on the undercliff walk. This managed to finish off the funding for all those who signed up for camp, all 5 members were fully funded. The generosity continued with camp sleeping bags, and roll mats being donated, it was very humbling to see the love and deep admiration that St Andrews has with the Boys Brigade and Girls Association.

I decided after some time that it was time to get Father Will as our company chaplain, whoops, after I arranged this within two weeks Will announced he was leaving the Parish. We still had Father John Michael but with his and Rose's health I wanted someone to share the burden with him.

After some deep and meaningful prayers, I was led to ask Father Levison if he would consider this, after he had thought, prayed and discussed this he agreed, and I am very pleased to say that all our pastoral needs are now in the hands of Father Levison.

We have been very blessed again this year with the presence of both Kevin Clarke and Robert Brown, who both have attended to help us out. I also need to thank Stephen George, Gemma Tyrer, Karen Baker for all their hard work and dedication. Unfortunately, due to a change of employment we had to say farewell to Meghan, but she will still be about for events.

So as we enter another APCM, we are in the throes of more fundraising for this year's camp, and yes we are in another interregnum but the Boys Brigade and Girls Association is solid and going from strength to strength, however, I cannot run this for ever more and succession needs to be looked at, as a matter of urgency. If something were to happen to me, there needs to be someone who can step in or you will lose this vital and well supported children's sector.

God Bless you all
Lynn

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SG Report

I became SG Lead in September 24 and have completed all 3 of the CofE training sessions.

St Andrews now has a SG team – Levison (Assist Curate), Cat (Parish Admin) and me. We first met in November 24. From this meeting various items were agreed:

1. SG team to meet quarterly, or sooner if issue arises.
2. SG Poster created and displayed, SG team WhatsApp group created and a secure SG file on ShareFile set up.
3. Discussion on Stackers provision:
 - Recommended to the PCC that, while numbers remain the same as at present, at least 2 adults have DBS. This was agreed at PCC.
 - SG Lead to attend Stackers and observe. Done
 - All church members to be aware of SG team and how to report an issue. Communicated via poster and news sheet. Done
 - All PCC members to have completed SG training by Jan 25.
 - RA to be carried out on all Church activities to ensure that SG procedures and H&S policies are being followed. Ongoing

Aitch Grahame,
SG Lead

Clergy Annual Report

Since the departure of our Parish Priest-in-Charge in September 2024, I have been responsible for the liturgical and pastoral aspects of this Parish Church in my capacity as Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Moulsecoomb with Bevendean and Coldean and this forms the basis of my short report.

Our mission statement, "We're the local parish church for Moulsecoomb and Bevendean. We are here to extend God's invitation to a fruitful life! In this season we're exploring a new relationship between the traditional and new expressions of life with God, so we're gathering a prayerful community of friends on a mission with Moulsecoomb and Bevendean. Why not come and join us or get in touch? We'd love to meet you!" continues to inspire people and is a good measuring stick with which we assess the outcome of our missionary work within the communities of Moulsecoomb and Bevendean.

In the past few months, our regular morning service has stabilised and continues to attract new people, some of whom have become regular attendees to our Sunday morning Mass. Attendances at the various seasonal services has been varied but encouraging as numbers have risen compared to previous years. Our main Sunday morning Service is typically of the Anglo-Catholic tradition and follows the Common Worship Lectionary. The second informal (alternative) afternoon worship has also taken root with the first Sunday informal worship now taking place at Holy Nativity Church, Bevendean while the other Sundays remain at St Andrew's Moulsecoomb. The informal worship service is led by lay people on a rota basis which is encouraging. I pray that through these different styles of Services, our Parish Church can create worship spaces for all people to find a spiritual home with us, where they can come to encounter God, make friends and have access to our pastoral services.

Our Parish Church continues to have a reasonable focus on community work, especially in the youth and children's ministry. St Andrew's parishioners continue to support the Food Bank run at Holy Nativity Bevendean. Our Summer and Christmas Fayres continue to attract good participation of the local community. Last year we hosted community children & youth events that were well attended, and we are continuing with the trend this year. Holy Nativity Bevendean continues to hold evening mid-week Said Mass on Thursdays and hosts all our Parish Church Festivals that fall on a Thursday. However, it is the Christingles usually held on Christmas Eve that attracts more people into the Church and that is the highlight of that Church.

We were privileged to welcome the Bishop of Lewes to St Andrew's on Mothering Sunday, and he was pleased to see how the church has remained stable during the current interregnum. The Bishop was pleased to note that we were running the Church of England Bible Studies on Wednesdays and the Diocese of Chichester Lent Course on Thursdays during the Lenten season.

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As a Curate in interregnum, I was assigned an Acting Training Incumbent who is the Vicar of St Nicholas Brighton, hence I go there once every month to alternatively celebrate the Mass and preach. Curtesy of the Revd Betsy Gray-Hammond, I also have the opportunity to preside over the Mass at St Mary Magdalene's Coldean. I am, therefore, grateful to the parishioners of Moulsecoomb, Bevendean, Coldean and St Nicholas Brighton, for the support I enjoy. I also take this opportunity to acknowledge Fr John Collins for his dedication to his ministry work at St Andrew's and for all his encouragement and support as I navigate my Curacy.

I also acknowledge and appreciate all the various teams that have kept the wheels of this parish Church rolling and I pray showers of blessings on you all.

Revd Fr Levison Kandi
Assistant Curate
Benefice of Moulsecoomb with Bevendean & Coldean.

Treasurer's Report

My appointment as Treasurer and a member of the PCC was ratified at the APCM in April. Since then, I have continued to gain a greater understanding of the role and its responsibilities.

The total income for all activities was £220,342.
The total expenditure was £121,076.

As in previous years, the church was able to meet its financial responsibilities and keep short accounts with its suppliers.

The rental income of the Holy Nativity manse, St Andrews flat and the use of St Andrews church hall by Into University remained unchanged. In addition, rental income was received from a wide variety of local interest groups at Holy Nativity and St Andrews.

Following the death of Bernard Fennell, who has served the church for decades as choir master, BB officer and Treasurer, the Church was informed by his executor that a significant legacy had been made in his will. The final value is unknown at this time, but the process will be completed in 2025. This will allow some of the larger outstanding building maintenance projects to be completed. It will be incumbent upon the PCC to respect Bernard's love for the Church and use his generous legacy with purpose and discernment.

The Church continues to enjoy funds on the deposit with CCLA, so it will be able to meet its many commitments in 2025.

It should be noted that the inclusion of the legacy from Bernard Fennell's estate is included in 2024 accounts, receipt of funds will not take place until 2025.

Alan Grahame,
Treasurer.

Reserves policy

Reserves held previously have amounted to an equivalent of six months of expenditure during a financial year. For the year of 2024, this reserve amounts to £211,190. Our closing balance achieves this and so we expect to continue to have sufficient cash flow to continue to pay bills when they fall due

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Structure, governance and management of the charity

Office (if any)	Trustee name
<i>Chairperson</i>	Robert Brown MBE
<i>Treasurer</i>	Alan Grahame
<i>Secretary</i>	Kevin Clarke
<i>Churchwarden</i>	Robert Brown MBE
<i>Elected Members:</i>	Kudakwashe Madzivanyika
	Sarah Deveney
	Amanda Healey
	Levison Kandi
	Rev'd John William Michael Collins
	Lynn Burtenshaw

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the accounts

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that year.

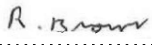
In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by:

Robert Brown MBE, Chairperson

Signed 

Date 20th May 2025

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MOULSECOOMB**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 11 - 20.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

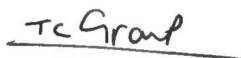
I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Mark Cummins FCCA FCIE

On behalf of TC Group

Office: Steyning, West Sussex

Dated: 21st May 2025