

Christ Church Sowerby Bridge
End of Year Financial Statements
Year ending 31 December 2024



Parish Carol Service, 19 December 2024

Registered Charity Number 1131180

2024 Annual Report

Aim and Purposes

The PCC of Christ Church has the responsibility of promoting the whole mission of the Church in the ecclesiastical parish of Sowerby Bridge. This includes pastoral care, social engagement with the community, and ecumenical working with Christians Together in Sowerby Bridge. We work closely with and provide foundation governors to Christ Church (VA) Junior School on Park Road, Sowerby Bridge. Pupils receive an education promoting Christian values, based on Christian principles and on the Anglican foundation of the school.

Objectives and Activities

Our mission promotes living out our faith as part of our parish community. We are:

Ordinary people sharing God's love in our world.

Growing in faith; Living by prayer; Loving God's word.

Our values are: **To be Living, Loving, Learning and Confident, Growing, Changing**

To facilitate this work it is important that the PCC maintain the fabric of Christ Church, our Grade 2 listed building for which we are responsible. This has historic significance and is a prominent feature in the conservation area, at the centre of Sowerby Bridge. We co-operate with Calderdale Council to maintain our closed graveyard, contributing a regular Gardening Group of volunteers from both church and community to make a green oasis for the community to enjoy.

Vicar's Report

Our weekly attendance numbers are healthy and continue to grow slowly. Using I Know for some statistics in January 2022 our average attendance on a Sunday was 25, it went down to 20 in 2023, then up to 41 in 2024 and 46 in 2025. Likewise in February 2022 we were at 25, this year it's 37. March in 2022 was 46 now it's 51 and April was 33 in 2022 & is now 50.

Despite my CV wanting to claim this victory, like many things it is not down to the Vicar. It is down to you, and in two significant ways. Firstly, quite frankly by turning up, this is not a joke either. Life presents us challenges, and turning up anywhere can be difficult. I know many of you have to make tremendous effort to come here. For some it is hard most weeks, for other I don't yet know your story or the challenges that you face. But to all of you I am incredibly grateful and you make the Church what it is.

Secondly it is down to you by you telling other people, the studies I have read all point to the fact that word of mouth is still the best way to get people into Church. Imagine if each of us could bring one person to Church next year.

Invite people not just to Sundays, but Tuesdays, Bible Studies or Messy Church. Attendance at all of these remain strong. Each has its own congregation and these numbers like those on a

Sunday flux. Tuesdays I try to make slower and reflective, although I naturally talk fast. At Bible study we work through a book over several weeks and share our own reflection on them, why not give it a try if you have not already?

Going forward I want us to hold more services at feasts, next Easter we will continue to hold services with St Peter's and St Paul's, but we will also hold services here. We need to keep our eyes on the cross, on why we are here.

Engagement

We continue to work closely with Tuel Lane and Christ Church School and occasionally with Bolton Brow. I do assemblies at Tuel Lane every Tuesday and Anthea and I do assemblies at Christ Church every Wednesday. These are always fun and the children bring a great perspective on familiar stories. At Bolton Brow we do assemblies at Christmas, Easter, Remembrance Day and at the Anniversary of the Bolton Brow disaster. I do talk to the head there often and when doing out reach it is important to remember what we are all part of a web of relationships. So, going to school does not just allow us to share our faith with children, but help build links with parents, families and the community. We all want to find a way to connect with people and schools offer the best way to do that. We are there for the teachers when they need support, and they too help us to create further links.

We maintain strong links with Memory Lane and Happy Days and have now developed links with Citizens Advice with people being referred to us for support. St Peter's also inform us of problems in our local community and the struggles facing people. Make no mistake times are hard for a lot of people and trauma and poverty are inherited.

Building

You will have noticed new LED lights outside and we are also doing repairs to the handrail and fence. I know that these changes can be difficult for people, and I want to assure you that we are considerate of maintaining the character of the building and it's dialogue with the Diocese. They are the landlords and we are the tenants after all. I also ask you to think of all the changes that have been made to the building over the years. The vestry moving, pews been taken out etc. These are now part of the look of the Church and part of its history. We are joining in that history and we make changes not just for us but for future congregations.

Thank You

There are lots of people I need to thank and this could go on and on. To summarise , Thank you to our churchwardens, and all members of our PCC in governance and financial roles. Thank you to those who help with our work in schools and Messy Church. Passing our faith on is not only valuable but part of our discipleship, so thank you everyone who works so hard to do this. Thank you to those who lead our worship in church and "on line "with skills and technical gifts. Thank you to our fundraising and community events team, and everyone who helps with hospitality. Tea and coffee are a key part of the Church experience. Finally to Donna, Tabitha and Mia who are always there to support me – thank you.

Revd Tommy Daglish

Achievements and Performance 2024

Growing in Faith – through worship and prayer

At the annual meeting in 2024 our Electoral Roll stood at 51 people. The percentage of members living within the parish is unchanged at 39%. We continue to provide our “Live Streaming” service to housebound members to view via our You Tube channel. Our WhatsApp Prayer and Support group continues to be a way of sharing news and keeping in touch.

We continue to provide an “All age service” for families and anyone new to church. On other Sundays our Junior Church follow the same Bible passages, but use more active and creative ways to learn about God, before joining us for communion and setting us all the ‘challenge for the week’ ahead. They also participate as acolytes, in the procession. Numbers grew (up to 12 on some weeks), and some of our older children have now matured to enjoy the main service. After many years of leading Sunday School our main leader felt the time was right to pass on the baton, and when two new leaders answered our prayers in stepping forward, a smooth handover was made at Christmas.

We started our monthly “Messy Church” in May. Parents and children come straight from school to share a snack and learn more about God through Bible stories, activities, and action songs. To finish we all share a buffet or similar meal giving parents a break from having to cook tea for one day through the month. Messy Church is not just for the children but for the adults to chat and make friends too, as some don’t get out a lot to meet other people.

A weekly Bible Study group now meets

During 2024 for the community, we have:

- Baptised 4 adults and 7 children, welcoming them into our church;
- Married 4 couples;
- Rev Tommy has conducted 3 funerals in the crematorium or at the graveside.

Our Mothers Union continue to meet regularly and support the local hospital with emergency toiletry bags, and knitted garments for the premature baby unit. This year they have also added knitted “fiddle toys” for the Dementia Hub at Age UK, and knitted toys and blankets for our baptism families. They led the Mary Sumner Day service, showing a video of what MU does, and two new members were enrolled during the year.

Sharing God’s love in our world, our parish and our community

Deanery Synod representatives have reported back on their 3 meetings with news from the Diocese and Deanery. The first was when each parish brought examples of resources illustrating their good practice. This led us to putting in place a welcome pack for new children starting school at Tuel Lane Infants. During discussions possible areas of training

were identified, and these were followed up at the next session when Revd Helen Collings (Lay Training) attended to shared information on various training sessions that the Diocese were running. The other initiative discussed was the new "Trinity Church", located at Trinity Academy, Halifax, and organised by their Chaplain. Pupils can attend the "after school" Trinity Church, and numbers are growing but they are hoping for more. When Clergy attended this had a significant impact and children felt able to drop in for conversation even if they didn't stay each week. The final meeting discussed how we could work together as a Deanery to make a bigger impact and witness. Suggested areas were at Halifax Charity Gala, Halifax Show, Calderdale Pride, and also that more churches could join in Eco Church.

PCC continue to provide all our year 6 leavers from Christ Church CE (VA) Junior School, with a gift of a cross together with the "Moving On" booklet from Scripture Union to help their transition to secondary education. PCC also continue to donate monthly to the work of CICS, contributing towards a schools worker's salary to reach the 95% of children not in contact with any church.

Parish and Community Focus activity in 2024

A few months after Rev Tommy's arrival we started to trial several new activities, so this year has been one of seeing what worked well and ideas that didn't attract as much support.

Reaching out to groups and seasonal events

a) Children's events. We ran our KS2 visit for New Road School for the first time: one day for Yrs 5&6 and another for Yrs 3&4 which both children and teachers really enjoyed. Helen & Rev Tommy volunteered at the Footsteps event at Cragg Vale to see how the story of Rev Thomas Crowther might be adapted for Sowerby Bridge schools.

Our Brownies Unit celebrated its 100th Birthday in the autumn with a really exciting trip to an adventure centre in North Yorkshire, for all 28 girls. We then had a big Birthday Party where we invited many members from the past, plus local dignitaries. Brownies earned Skills for my Future and Be Well badges.

In Rainbows our numbers have stayed steady at around 15 which is a nice manageable number. The girls have worked through Express myself, and Know myself themes, and enjoyed some seed planting. Two of our young leaders will be moving on next year but we have planned a replacement leader to move from Brownies to help us.

2024 was a year of growth for the Girl Guide unit. In January there were six girls and by December we grew to 15 girls & two new leaders. We played getting to know you games and as some of the girls were new to Guiding, started looking at the Promise, Law and history of Girl guiding. In summer we looked at Water Safety including hiring the swimming pool, as one of our Young Leaders is a Lifeguard, and also how to light a match and start a fire safely. To end the year we had formed patrols and started work on the Reflect Skills builder badge.

b) Adult support for those lonely or isolated. Our Digital Café continues on Tuesdays and we believe it is now the only “drop in” session available locally. Knit and Natter group on Tuesday afternoon has made Easter Chicks, Penguin vests, and Christmas angels.

c) Support for those in food or fuel poverty. We continue to host a groceries collection point for Happy Days “Community supermarket” donations. These can also be used for those in immediate need, and we also signpost people to the weekly “Sunday Get Together” lunch at St Paul’s.

d) Seasonal services. We “Lit up Christ Church with Love” for Mothering Sunday, and held another pancake party before Ash Wednesday. Christingle was another success, and this year our song group sang 4 choral pieces as part of the Parish Carol’s by Candlelight. SB Snails sang carols around the Christmas tree, which was once again provided by Tommy Topsoil and the SB Development Board. For Remembrance we enhanced the poppy display to make it easier to put up and take down

e) Community events. Our monthly Family Film night has been our greatest success, with just a short break over summer. We have U rated family films: some old, (when Mary Poppins attracted many of our friends from Memory Lane), and new classics from Pixar & Disney. At Rushbearing we repeated our “Craft Fair” with more variety of local “makers” and the “Virtual” balloon race. A car treasure hunt and quiz was held. This year’s Heritage Open day clashed with a wedding, so church couldn’t be used. However we experimented with a QR code walking tour along Wharf Street instead.

Access

There has been no visible progress to make physical access into the building easier this year. We have continued to keep the paths swept and cleaned to avoid slips, trips and falls and have submitted a faculty application to make access around the interior of the church easier removing many of the steps and uneven levels. We hope to start fundraising once it is approved.

ECO Church, Carbon footprint & environment

A Rocha issued a completely revised ECO church questionnaire in 2025, which is more challenging so we will be looking for more volunteers to help us “Go for Gold”.

Our Gardening Group have managed the churchyard during Plantlife’s “No Mow May”, by creating “zones” so that the frontage to Wharf St remained looking neat and tidy, whilst the east end was left to grow long and “wild”. We also sowed a wild flower mix in the bed below the tower to the west which gave a beautiful display of poppies, and put up 3 bird boxes.

The Church of England continues to change its reporting process for carbon emissions every year. This year it has tightened up on what it considers a “green” energy source. Our electricity supply has met carbon net zero standards, but our gas supply no longer meets the more stringent criteria. Therefore in 2024 we can only claim to have offset 1% of all our carbon emissions and our total emissions have grown by 20%. This means our carbon footprint has increased and will continue to do so until we can either pay for premium Bio

Gas, or change our heating source to a combination of electric, heat pump or solar power. See the comparison below.

Total Parish Carbon Footprint

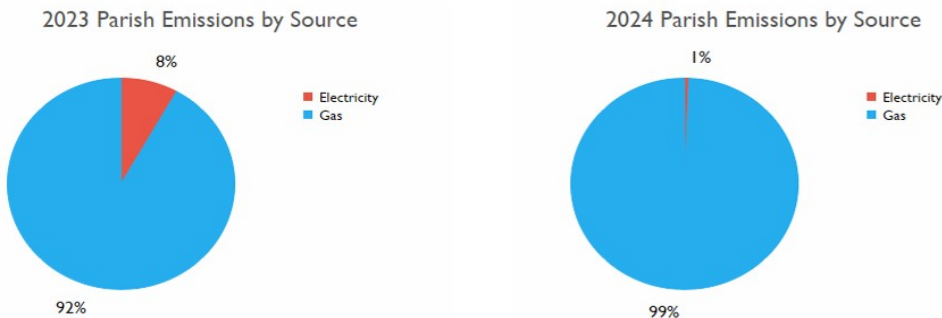
The carbon emissions calculated in this table only include buildings that have been reported through the EFT survey.

	This Year	Last Year
Gross CO ₂ emissions (Tonnes) ?	15.4	12.7
Net CO ₂ emissions (Tonnes) ?	14.7	1.7

If the figure here is not what you expected, this may be because you have been using a supplier that was previously listed as 'green', but that supplier is no longer on an updated list for 2025. Find out more [here](#)

Total Parish Emissions Data

The carbon emissions calculated in these charts only include buildings that have been reported through the EFT survey.



Maintaining Christ Church -a grade II listed building

We have consulted our inspecting architect regarding a few issues over the past year. This has included:

- Discussion on how to modify the staging at the front of the Church, and identification that some external stonework on the Church roof is loose and needs new mortar.
- The flooring in one of the toilets was repaired and the waste pipe from the toilets has been smoothed to improve the flow of waste when flushed. This requires more work.

Churchyard Work: Calderdale Council have responsibility for the Churchyard and have maintained it during the year with the help of the monthly gardening team. Risk assessments have been completed for the churchyard

- Fall pipes and soak aways have been maintained by the monthly gardening team to ensure rainwater is taken away from the building and does not incur any damage.
- We've initiated a scheme called "Adopt a Grave," where individuals maintain graves assigned by the Churchwardens to keep them tidy, helping our gardening team no end.

The Churchwardens assisted by members of the PCC and congregation ensure regular review of equipment and machinery within the church and the implementation of routine service requirements. In the last year this has included the organ, fire extinguishers, boilers and the Roof alarm. The motor powering the public clock on the tower was found to be beyond repair. Fundraising was started to pay for a replacement

Internal Matters

- A new purple altar frontal was purchased through donations in memory of two former members of our Mothers Union. We have also been donated coloured spot lights to illuminate the appearance of the main altar in the liturgical seasons.
- On 4 April 2024 we entered into a long term Hire Agreement of a fully supported Photocopier service for 65 months. This enables us to design and print more of our own publicity and worship materials, such as A3 posters and information booklets.

Conclusions

In addition to the preparation and presentation of this report, the Wardens are also required to maintain a full terrier of all the lands belonging to the church and a full inventory of all the articles belonging to it, as well as a logbook noting all alterations, additions and repairs. Our current terrier and inventory was last updated in 2024 and is now computerised to assist with keeping these documents up to date. This was presented to the PCC for inspection. A hard copy is kept and can be made available for inspection by the PCC if required. To the best of our knowledge, the contents of these documents and this report is an up-to-date assessment of Christ Church and the churchyard. The Wardens would like to record their thanks to everyone who has given of their time freely, and who have unseen roles which are, nevertheless, vital to the smooth running of the Church.

Communication

2024 was a year of consolidation to our digital systems and offerings. We also did a significant amount of work on updating and modernising our website and messaging to the community. There were some major achievements and improvements in the reliability of hardware, lighting and microphones and an improved visitor experience of our website. All current software is either open source or used on a charitable basis, meaning no ongoing costs to the Church to continue to support the Church's ministry both in church and in the Digital Space. In software we provide dyslexic friendly font for ministers using the i-pad service stage view, and live caption system accessible by any connected device, even on guest broadband. All the achievements above, except where noted, were undertaken without additional funding and without direct cost to the Church.

Structure, governance and management

PCC have met 11 times during 2024 with a mixture of topics to discuss including: Reports on the fabric of Church, information on repairs and projects in hand; Safeguarding; Diocesan events; Community projects including support of local schools; seasonal services and much more. We receive financial information each month, including results of fundraising events and stewardship giving, which generally leads to discussion around Parish Share and our commitments. We manage to work through the hard items which are sometimes difficult yet also have a laugh. We look to support our community in Sowerby Bridge and bring God's love to all. Sometimes all that is needed is a smile and "Hi, how are you doing?", or a listening ear. Together we are a great team of dedicated people and if anyone would like to find out more about the workings of the Church of England and in particular Christ Church, please ask us.

Administrative information

Christ Church is situated on Wharf Street, Sowerby Bridge postcode HX6 2LW. It is part of the Diocese of Leeds, within the Church of England. The correspondence address is:

The Vicarage, 62 Park Road, Sowerby Bridge, HX6 2BJ, or via the website at www.christchurchsb.org.uk or info@christchurchsb.org.uk

Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/Christchurchsb

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and the method of appointment of its members is set out under these rules. We encourage everyone in Christ Church to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC. At PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. There are no paid employees but training costs and travel have been reimbursed and occasional office fees are paid at the Church of England annual rates e.g. at funerals, to church members, including members of PCC.

The PCC is also a charity registered with the Charities Commission, Registration number 1131180. PCC members who have served from 1 January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members

Incumbent	Revd Tommy Daglish	Chairman
Warden	Peter Henry	re-elected 4 May 2025
Warden	David Gill	re-elected 4 May 2025
Assistant warden	Alyssa Hargreaves	elected 4 May 2025

Elected Members

Paul Healey	re-elected 4 May 2025	Treasurer
Helen Pedley		Vice chair, Data protection lead
Anthea Gee		Secretary & Deanery Synod Rep
Angela Wilkins		Deanery Synod Rep
Graham Lamb		
Kevin Henry	retired 4 May 2025	
Ian Ross	resigned 25 March 2025	
Sarah Towler		
Janet Turner		
Catherine Wallace	elected 4 May 2025	

This summary review of the year's activities given to members at the APCM was approved by the PCC on the 8th July 2025.

It is to be read in conjunction with the attached financial review, notes and examined financial statements for 2024, approved on 27th March 2025.

Signed on their behalf by:

PCC Chairman

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Z W' followed by a checkmark-like flourish.

The PCC of Christ Church Sowerby Bridge

Financial Statements for year ending

31 December 2024



Financial Review

Income, Activities and Growth

2024 saw Rev Tommy deepening connections with all 4 schools in the parish: visiting Christ Church and Tuel Lane every week throughout each term, and Bolton Brow and Trinity Grammar at least once a term. Our Sunday school has grown: now averaging 9 regular attenders, and our adult congregation is also slowly growing, now averaging 40. During Lent we had soup lunches to get to know each other better. We offer an All Age Service on the 1st Sunday in the month suitable for anyone new to church, and in April launched a monthly “Messy Church”. We began regular bible studies and prayer walks around the parish. At Christ Church this year we conducted 13 baptisms, 4 weddings, and 2 funerals.

In the community we continue to provide our Tuesday Digital Café, Saturday Coffee morning, and Knit and Natter twice a month, with refreshments generating £750 this year. Our other fundraising has included a history talk, quiz nights, a treasure hunt, our virtual balloon race, which together with Rushbearing and Christmas Fair, raised £2,700. We continue to connect with the parish through social media, signposting information from other charities to highlight what help is available, and working with other churches and charities to benefit everyone in Sowerby Bridge. We are grateful to the Nathaniel Waterhouse Trusts who have given us a grant of £2,000 to support families in our schools and in the wider parish.

We remain reliant on, and very grateful to all our regular givers whose number increased this year to 26 “households”. Having a reliable £1,500 per month enables us to budget and plan. We are grateful to everyone who supports us with ad hoc donations through our card reader, website, or in cash at our services and activities. Our free Family Film Night is still

very popular with families in the parish. During the year we received an unexpected legacy of £2,000, which was designated to our Buildings fund to build up our reserves. In January 2025 PCC met with the Diocesan Finance manager who gave help and information to launch a new Lenten stewardship review.

Expenditure

It remains our strategy that our church members' donations primarily pay our Parish Share whilst our community activities and donations generate funds to meet the building's running costs. In 2024 we sent £14,750 to the Diocese which was far higher than we have achieved for some time, increasing the percentage paid to 64.5% (2023 was 37%). For 2025 our Parish Share will increase by almost 7% to £24,442 and we will strive again to increase our payments. Our major expenditure is always insurance (over £6,000 for our grade II listed building) and utility bills which jumped significantly after being fixed for two years. This year in total they were over £5,000 mainly due to heating in the winter months. In summer the heating is switched off. These high overheads hamper our efforts to increase the amount of Share we can pay, and we seek grant funding more often to help with maintenance. The public clock, on our tower in the centre of the conservation area, stopped in October and we have launched a community fundraiser to help us replace the motor expected to cost £2,280. At the year end, we have raised almost 50%, including a Ward forum grant of £500. We make regular monthly donations totalling £300 p.a. to Christians in Calderdale Schools, and support their outreach work. This year we were able to replace the tattered purple altar frontal using restricted donations from two local families in memory of loved ones. PCC also donated £300 to the Church Mission Society collected by our members, and from our Christingle Service, £215 collected on behalf of The Childrens' Society. Individual members generously donated to CART at Harvest Festival and regularly bring items of food to the donations box we host for Happy Days our local "community supermarket" provider.

Summary

We remain thankful that the Diocese does not request payment of arrears from previous years until the current year can be paid in full. The PCC aim to increase the percentage paid year on year until we can meet the full total requested every year.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended December 31st 2024, which are set out on the previous pages, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and Examiner

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

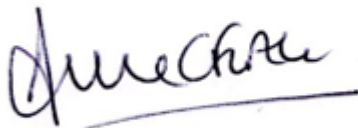
Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 Edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s41 of the Act: and to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Anne Firth, 51 The Maltings, Mirfield, WF14 9PU

March 5th 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	31,285	30	4,447	—	35,763	30,558
Income from charitable activities	1,986	—	—	—	1,986	975
Other trading activities	3,888	—	—	—	3,888	4,178
Investments	—	—	452	—	452	280
Total income	37,159	30	4,900	—	42,090	35,992
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	301	—	2	—	303	237
Expenditure on charitable activities	34,337	—	2,504	—	36,842	42,591
Total expenditure	34,638	—	2,507	—	37,145	42,829
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	2,521	30	2,393	—	4,944	(6,836)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	2,000	8	—	2,008	701
Gross transfers between funds - out	(2,006)	—	(2)	—	(2,008)	(701)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Net movement in funds	515	2,030	2,399	—	4,944	(6,836)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	3,064	3,725	25,727	—	32,518	39,354
Total funds carried forward	3,579	5,756	28,127	—	37,462	32,518
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	3,579	—	—	—	3,579	3,064
Designated						
Building Reserves	—	5,756	—	—	5,756	3,725
Restricted						
Building Grants -	—	—	2,655	—	2,655	2,655
Community Support grants	—	—	2,000	—	2,000	—
Flower Fund	—	—	317	—	317	241
Organ Repair Fund	—	—	20,733	—	20,733	20,280
Res Access	—	—	1,152	—	1,152	1,152
Resourcing Ministry	—	—	240	—	240	1,252
Small project fund £3k	—	—	1,027	—	1,027	142
Sound System	—	—	—	—	—	2

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Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Current assets			
	Z07: Cash on hand	—	50.00
	Z10: Barclays Current	3,294.59	3,392.66
	Z15: Barclays Bus Saver	34,118.31	29,075.48
	Z20: Vicars Discretionary Cash on hand	50.00	—
	Total Current assets	37,462.90	32,518.14
Liabilities			
	6699: Agency collections	—	—
	Total Liabilities	—	—
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	37,462.90	32,518.14
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	4,944.76	(6,836.56)
	Z01: Starting balances	32,518.14	39,354.70
	Total Reserves	37,462.90	32,518.14

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	3,579.55	3,064.42
Designated	5,756.27	3,725.77
Restricted	28,127.08	25,727.95
Endowment	—	—
Total	37,462.90	32,518.14

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Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
Access							
Restricted	1,152	—	—	—	—	—	1,152
Sub-totals	1,152	—	—	—	—	—	1,152
Flowers							
Restricted	241	237	166	6	—	—	317
Sub-totals	241	237	166	6	—	—	317
Rep-organ							
Restricted	20,280	452	—	—	—	—	20,733
Sub-totals	20,280	452	—	—	—	—	20,733
ResMinry							
Restricted	1,252	135	1,149	2	—	—	240
Sub-totals	1,252	135	1,149	2	—	—	240
Small							
Restricted	142	2,075	1,190	—	—	—	1,027
Sub-totals	142	2,075	1,190	—	—	—	1,027
Sound							
Restricted	2	—	—	(2)	—	—	—
Sub-totals	2	—	—	(2)	—	—	—
General							
Unrestricted	3,064	37,159	34,638	(2,006)	—	—	3,579
Sub-totals	3,064	37,159	34,638	(2,006)	—	—	3,579
Resbuild							
Restricted	2,655	—	—	—	—	—	2,655
Sub-totals	2,655	—	—	—	—	—	2,655
CSH							
Restricted	—	2,000	—	—	—	—	2,000
Sub-totals	—	2,000	—	—	—	—	2,000
Fabric							
Designated	3,725	30	—	2,000	—	—	5,756

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Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
Sub-totals	3,725	30	—	2,000	—	—	5,756
Totals	32,518	42,090	37,145	—	—	—	37,462

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Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid Bank	16,079	—	—	—	16,079	15,869
0105 - Gift Aid Envelopes	600	—	50	—	650	258
0201 - Other Planned giving	2,085	—	—	—	2,085	3,590
0301 - Sunday collections	1,599	—	—	—	1,599	1,151
0305 - Collections at special services	384	30	1,183	—	1,598	230
0401 - Special appeals	69	—	291	—	360	692
0501 - Donations by public	3,280	—	262	—	3,543	2,307
0503 - Voluntary Contributions to general expen	—	—	55	—	55	456
0601 - Gift aid income tax recovered	5,187	—	105	—	5,292	5,802
0701 - Legacies	2,000	—	—	—	2,000	—
0801 - Grants one off	—	—	2,500	—	2,500	200
Donations and legacies Totals	31,285	30	4,447	—	35,763	30,558
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees retained by PCC	1,986	—	—	—	1,986	975
Income from charitable activities Totals	1,986	—	—	—	1,986	975
Other trading activities						
0901 - Fairs and events	2,714	—	—	—	2,714	3,107
0903 - Refreshments	774	—	—	—	774	866
0910 - Room hire and banner fees	390	—	—	—	390	205
0915 - Other sales	9	—	—	—	9	—
Other trading activities Totals	3,888	—	—	—	3,888	4,178
Investments						
1010 - Interest Received	—	—	452	—	452	280
Investments Totals	—	—	452	—	452	280
Income and endowments Grand totals	37,159	30	4,900	—	42,090	35,992
Expenditure						
Raising funds						
1701 - Costs of fundraising events	270	—	—	—	270	215
1703 - Costs of stewardship campaigns	30	—	2	—	32	21
Raising funds Totals	301	—	2	—	303	237
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Mission giving and donations	859	—	—	—	859	315
1901 - Diocesan Common Fund	14,750	—	—	—	14,750	11,000
2001 - Salaries wages and honoraria	652	—	—	—	652	1,004
2101 - Clergy expenses of office	—	—	—	—	—	85

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
2105 - PCC and visiting clergy	120	—	—	—	120	73
2110 - Vicarage expenses	—	—	—	—	—	842
2220 - Mission activity in parish	1,342	—	—	—	1,342	1,697
2301 - Insurance	5,751	—	—	—	5,751	5,418
2302 - Church telephone Wifi	500	—	—	—	500	448
2304 - Media -Website Noticeboards	276	—	—	—	276	860
2310 - Service supplies	746	—	2,504	—	3,251	596
2315 - Service music liturgy material	1,861	—	—	—	1,861	1,280
2320 - Admin print post stationery	15	—	—	—	15	178
2325 - Admin software & other	379	—	—	—	379	274
2350 - Church security health safety	1,759	—	—	—	1,759	2,044
2355 - Church maintenance interior	78	—	—	—	78	11,432
2360 - Church maintenance exterior	37	—	—	—	37	421
2401 - Utility gas	4,115	—	—	—	4,115	3,483
2405 - Utility electric	798	—	—	—	798	1,077
2410 - Utility water	174	—	—	—	174	48
2501 - Costs of Trading	117	—	—	—	117	8
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	34,337	—	2,504	—	36,842	42,591
Expenditure Grand totals	34,638	—	2,507	—	37,145	42,829

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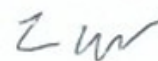
Notes to the accounts 2024

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. The PCC does not consider that it has any fixed assets. Items purchased with grant funding and used to maintain the consecrated fabric of the church do not generate income and are used to provide activities to the community.
3. Funds. The PCC has no endowed funds. Restricted funds must be spent on the restricted purposes for which they were given or raised. The PCC tries to focus on one major ministry and one building project at a time, but has also introduced a fund for "Small projects" each less than £3k.
4. Restricted funds. As previous years' projects are completed, the funds associated with them are closed and new ones begun. In 2024 the Sound System fund was closed after permission to re-allocate the HMRC gift aid on donations to other funds was given by the original donors. The small project fund was used to repair the altar frontal during the year. It now holds donations to repair the clock motor. The Community Support fund holds the Nathaniel Waterhouse Trust grant of £2,000 to support families in need within our church school and the wider parish.
5. Reserves Policy. It is the PCC's policy to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to ensure the church continues its activities, can smooth out fluctuations in cash flow to pay its suppliers on time, and can cover emergency situations which may arise. In the long term it is the PCC's hope to rebuild the total reserves to cover three months unrestricted payments (approx. £10,000) with £5,000 of this designated to maintaining the fabric of our listed building. Our Designated fund for the building fabric is reviewed annually as part of the reserves and for its ability to be match-funding towards grants needed for major works. These funds are accumulated transfers of unrestricted funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future, to provide a reserve to draw upon should there be major repairs needed, and forms part of our continuity plan. They remain unrestricted and the PCC may move any surplus to other general funds.
6. Arrears. The parish is ranked in the 17th percentile of most deprived parishes in England, and has a population of 6554, and very few of our congregation live within the parish. The 2024 calculation for parish share (£22,882) fell from previous years and this combined with more fundraising meant the percentage paid rose to 64%, whilst 2023 was only 37%. The amount added to existing arrears reduced considerably to £8,132. We are grateful that the Diocese does not request payment of arrears from previous years until the current year can be paid in full, and this notional backlog is now £107,986, built up over 11 years. PCC hold an annual stewardship review. This year we will again be making payment of the parish share our priority and budgeting to raise the percentage paid even further, until we can pay it in full each year.
7. Commitments. The PCC has now completed its long term commitment, ending 24 March 2025.

Approved by the PCC on March 2nd 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

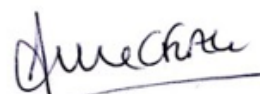
Chair of PCC

Rev Tommy Daglish



Independent Examiner

Anne Firth,
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended December 31st 2024, which are set out on the previous pages, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and Examiner

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

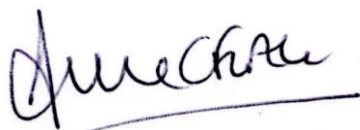
Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 Edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s41 of the Act: and to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anne Firth', with a horizontal line underneath.

Anne Firth, 51 The Maltings, Mirfield, WF14 9PU

March 5th 2025