



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From** 01/01/2024 **Period start date To** 31/12/24 **Period end date**

**Charity name:** The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Alsager

**Charity registration number:** 1131298

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
<b>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</b>	Para 1.17	The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Alsager exists to: 1. Enable the church to play its part in God's mission to his world; 2. Co-operate with the minister in sharing leadership; 3. Ensure legal compliance with charity law and ecclesiastical law, in particular in the areas of finance, employment and appointments; 4. Care for the buildings and churchyard so that they may be best suited for the purpose of the church's ministry and mission; 5. Be a channel of consultation within the wider Church through its synodical structures on matters that affect the Church locally and nationally.
<b>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</b>	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Regular public worship open to all; the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation; pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved; teaching of Christianity through sermons; courses and small groups; taking of religious assemblies in schools and for schools in the church worship space; the provision of youth clubs, children's clubs and a parent/carer and toddler group both with a Christian Ethos; Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings and the distribution of literature; Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and children and other fellowship/worship groups; supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.
<b>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</b>	Para 1.18	No

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
<b>Policy on grant making</b>	Para 1.38	
<b>Policy on social investment including program related investment</b>	Para 1.38	
<b>Contribution made by volunteers</b>	Para 1.38	
<b>Other</b>		

**Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
<b>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</b>	Para 1.20	<p>Full details are available in our Annual Report which can accessed at (<a href="http://www.christchurchalsager.uk/annual-report.html">http://www.christchurchalsager.uk/annual-report.html</a>)</p> <p>We have seen growth in many areas, particularly those relating to hospitality, as people from the community have been welcomed and found friendship at Big Breakfast, Tea on Tuesday, Chat 'n' Chill, Messy Church and the so appreciated fortnightly Coffee &amp; Communion gatherings in the Church Hall. These activities all incur cost in terms of time, effort and finance and we are grateful to all who make them happen with such grace and love.</p> <p>There have been 3 Alpha groups, each meeting for several weeks, encouraging people to enquire and explore the Christian faith.</p> <p>We have been welcomed into local schools for visits, to do assemblies and to assist where required. There have been several visits by school groups to the church and enjoyed packed school Christmas Carol Services.</p>

		<p>Maintenance of the Church, Church Yard &amp; Hall has continued with support of Church Member's Working Parties and the Community Support Team'.</p> <p>Ongoing support across Services has been fundamental with support across all key areas: welcome, worship, preaching, praying and leading; which could not happen without the dedicated support of our members.</p> <p>Grants to our mission partners locally and overseas were essential for the communities they support.</p>
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<b>Achievements against objectives set</b>	Para 1.41	
<b>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</b>	Para 1.41	
<b>Investment performance against objectives</b>	Para 1.41	
<b>Other</b>		

### Financial Review

<b>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</b>	Para 1.21	Receipts: £229,540, payments £226,570. Net assets: £181,918	
<b>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</b>	Para 1.22	It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) of approximately 3 months average expenditure	
<b>Amount of reserves held</b>	Para 1.22	£50,000	
<b>Reasons for holding zero reserves</b>	Para 1.22		
<b>Details of fund materially in deficit</b>	Para 1.24	None	

<b>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</b>	Para 1.23	Expected reduction of grant income; reduced fees income.	
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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations from congregation, fees and grants.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Reduction in principal sources of income.
Other		

### Structure, Governance and Management

<b>Description of charity's trusts:</b>		
<b>Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)</b>	Para 1.25	PCCs are governed by two Measures: the <b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS (POWERS) MEASURE 1956</b> as amended ( <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukcm/Eliz2/4-5/3/contents">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukcm/Eliz2/4-5/3/contents</a> ) and the <b>CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES</b> as amended. ( <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukcm/2019/1/schedule/3">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukcm/2019/1/schedule/3</a> )
<b>How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)</b>	Para 1.25	Body corporate (see S3 of Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 above)
<b>Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees</b>	Para 1.25	The Vicar is appointed to post and is a trustee ex-officio. The wardens are elected by a meeting of parishioners and electoral roll members and as such are ex-officio members. Deanery Synod members are elected by a meeting of electoral roll members and as such are ex-officio members. All others are elected by a meeting of electoral roll members.

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<b>Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees</b>	Para 1.51	
<b>The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works</b>	Para 1.51	The Parochial Church Council Of Christ Church, Alsager is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England
<b>Relationship with any related parties</b>	Para 1.51	The Parochial Church Council Of Christ Church, Alsager is a member of Churches together in Alsager. The Parochial Church Council Of Christ Church, Alsager has a Memorandum of Understanding with the local Methodist Circuit regarding services at Oakhanger.
<b>Other</b>		

## Reference and Administrative details

<b>Charity name</b>	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Alsager
<b>Other name the charity uses</b>	PCC of Christ Church, Alsager
<b>Registered charity number</b>	1131298
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Christ Church Office 35 Church Road, Alsager Stoke on Trent ST7 2HS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity				
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Daran Ward	Vicar/Chair		Bishop of Chester
2	Mr Richard Hewitt	Church Warden Vice-chair		Parishioners and Members of the Electoral Roll of the Parish
3	Mrs J Askew	Church Warden Vice Chair		As above
4	Mrs S Jones	Deanery Synod Rep		As above
	Mrs Debbie Preston	Deanery Synod Rep (DSR)		As above
5	Mrs A Ward	Deanery Synod Rep		As above
6	Mrs B Steel	Treasurer		As above
7	Mrs J Newman	Secretary		As above
8	Mrs R White			As above

	Dr D L Fidal			As above
	Mrs S Fidal			As above
9	Mr M Holland			As above
10	Mr G Chatterley		Jan - April	As above
11	Mrs A Chatterley			As above
12	Mr S Roberts			As above
13	Mr C Follett			As above
14	Ms A Thomas			As Above
15	P Follett-Laing			As above
16	Ms S Baker			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Rev Daran Ward (church and immediate surroundings, and church drive held on trust for parishioners. Held ex-officio as incumbent)		
Mr R Hewitt, Mrs J Askew (plate, ornaments and other movable goods of the church on trust for parishioners. Held ex-officio as church wardens)		

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	

Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

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### Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Richard Hewitt	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Vice Chair	
Date	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	



**Christ Church Alsager**

# **Accounts for 2024**

**Prepared for the**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Sunday 11th May 2025**

# **Independent Examiner's Report To the PCC of Christ Church, Alsager**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 3-6.

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

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- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also Includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

## **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

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

Signed .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Date: .....

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Congregational Giving	A	113,559	158,456
Gift Aid Recovered	A	31,093	40,080
Grants	B	36,519	32,173
Income from Church Activities	C	20,728	18,487
PCC/Other Fees		23,767	14,902
Miscellaneous	D	3,874	3,216
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>229,540</b>	<b>267,314</b>

<b>Payments</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Parish Share		75,344	71,757
Salaries	E	80,660	77,240
Clergy / Staff Expenses	F	5,203	5,820
Cost of Ministry / activities	G	19,126	13,847
Church Running Expenses	H	19,667	18,614
Utilities	I	11,880	14,363
Mission Giving and Donations	J	13,079	18,190
Miscellaneous	K	1,612	3,168
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>226,570</b>	<b>222,999</b>

<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Current Account	13,664	12,989
Business Reserve Account	97,345	96,015
CCLA Account	23,591	22,402
60DN account	50,703	50,350
Accounts Receivable	0	0
Cash and unrepresented cheques	31	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>185,334</b>	<b>181,787</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Agency Collections	3,416	2,838
Accounts Payable	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,416</b>	<b>2,838</b>

<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>181,918</b>	<b>178,949</b>

<b>Receipts</b>	229,540	
<b>Payments</b>	-226,570	
<b>Excess (deficit) to date</b>		2,969
<b>Opening balance</b>		178,949
<b>Closing balance</b>		<b>181,918</b>

<b>Represented by Funds</b>	<b>2024</b>
Unrestricted	161,249
Designated	782
Restricted	19,887
<b>Total</b>	<b>181,918</b>

## Further Analysis - Receipts

### (A) Congregational / other Giving

	<b>2024</b>				<b>2023</b>
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Standing Orders	87,897	0	0	87,897	90,977
Gift-Aid Envelopes	600	0	0	600	200
Non Gift Aid S/O	7,735	0	1,200	8,935	9,626
Plate	2,799	0	0	2,799	1,832
Messy Church Collection	98	0	0	98	158
Coffee and Communion Collection	233	0	0	233	141
One-off Gifts - GA	5,505	0	0	5,505	18,660
One-off Gifts - non-GA	3,232	0	0	3,232	33,606
All other giving	1,564	0	320	1,884	2,030
Churchyard donations	0	0	2,375	2,375	1,226
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,664</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,895</b>	<b>113,559</b>	<b>158,456</b>
<b>Tax refund on Gift Aid</b>	<b>31,093</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,093</b>	<b>40,080</b>

### (B) Grants

	<b>2024</b>				<b>2023</b>
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Recurring Grants	1,050	0	0	1,050	1,050
Youth / Children's Grant	0	3,408	28,000	31,408	23,000
Other (One-off) Grants	0	2,311	750	3,061	6,323
Bibles for Children	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>5,719</b>	<b>29,750</b>	<b>36,519</b>	<b>32,173</b>

### (C) Receipts from church activities

	<b>2024</b>				<b>2023</b>
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Hall Hire	11,216	0	0	11,216	9,704
Magazine	510	0	0	510	240
Solar Feed-in	3,911	0	0	3,911	4,003
Cherubs	494	0	0	494	523
BB@C	4,597	0	0	4,597	4,017
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,728</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,728</b>	<b>18,487</b>

### (D) Miscellaneous

	<b>2024</b>				<b>2023</b>
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Sales	0	0	0	0	600
Earmarked Income	0	0	0	0	550
Interest	2872	0	0	2,872	1,942
Pension contribution repayments	0	0	0	0	17
Sundry - Other	1,002	0	0	1,002	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,874</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,874</b>	<b>3,216</b>

## Further Analysis - Payments

### (E) Salaries / Associated Costs

	<b>2024</b>			<b>2023</b>	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Salaries	58,071	0	22,589	80,660	77,240
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,071</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,589</b>	<b>80,660</b>	<b>77,240</b>

### (F) Staff Expenses

	<b>2024</b>			<b>2023</b>	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Working Expenses of the Vicar	339	0	0	339	216
Youth Worker Expenses	307	112	0	420	384
Children's Worker Expenses	18	0	0	18	18
Administrator Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Vicarage Expenses	4,226	0	0	4,226	3,943
Support & Training Costs	201	0	0	201	416
Curate's expenses	0	0	0	0	843
Other expenses	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,091</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,203</b>	<b>5,820</b>

### (G) Ministry /activities

	<b>2024</b>			<b>2023</b>	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Youth	1,215	4,925	0	6,139	2,147
Children	2,446	0	9	2,454	1,712
Children - Bibles for Schools	0	0	1,083	1,083	1,065
Messy Church	1,278	0	0	1,278	1,791
Cherubs	80	0	0	80	83
Upkeep of Services	1,204	0	0	1,204	982
BB@C	3,794	0	0	3,794	3,294
Tea on Tuesday	466	0	1,814	2,279	1,888
Ministry & Mission	464	0	15	479	548
Evangelism (Alpha)	334	0	0	334	337
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,281</b>	<b>4,925</b>	<b>2,920</b>	<b>19,126</b>	<b>13,847</b>

### (H) Running Expenses

	<b>2024</b>			<b>2023</b>	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Church Maintenance	1,289	0	0	1,289	1,090
Church Insurance	3,824	0	0	3,824	3,728
Churchyard Maintenance	1,369	0	2,375	3,744	2,117
Church Major repairs	0	0	0	0	0
Hall Maintenance	899	0	0	899	1,528
Hall Insurance	1,255	0	0	1,255	1,224
Cleaning Supplies	1,337	0	0	1,337	970
Payroll /Bank Charges	776	0	0	776	772
IT/ tech Equipment	1,833	0	0	1,833	1,460
Phones and Internet	1,016	0	0	1,016	974
Admin Supplies	1,458	0	0	1,458	1,718
Media Publicity	353	0	0	353	607
Other equipment	0	0	0	0	1,096
Oakhanger costs	1,884	0	0	1,884	1,330
Governance charges	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,292</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,375</b>	<b>19,667</b>	<b>18,614</b>

(I) Utilities	2024				2023
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Church Electricity/Gas	4,665	0	0	4,665	6,810
Church Water	195	0	0	195	162
Hall Electricity	5,765	0	0	5,765	6,511
Hall Water	478	0	0	478	421
St Luke's Utilities	776	0	0	776	459
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,880</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,880</b>	<b>14,363</b>

Note 1	(J) Mission Support (Far Out) / Grants to Individuals	2024				2023
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	UCB	1,857	0	0	1,857	2,570
	Oakhanger Project	1,857	0	0	1,857	2,570
	Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,857	0	0	1,857	2,570
	CSW	1,857	0	0	1,857	2,570
	Icfem Mission	1,857	0	0	1,857	2,570
	Tear Fund	3,714	0	0	3,714	2,570
	PCF Gateway Trust	0	0	0	0	2,570
	<b>Sub- total</b>	<b>12,999</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,999</b>	<b>17,990</b>
	Hardship fund	0	80	0	80	200
	Grants to Individuals	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,999</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,079</b>	<b>18,190</b>

(K) Miscellaneous	2024				2023
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Earmarked Expenditure	0	0	0	0	550
Deanery Expenses	0	0	0	0	45
Trading costs	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of Fundraising	28	0	0	28	25
Sundry - Other	1,584	0	0	1,584	2,548
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>3,168</b>

Note 1 At the 3 year review, it was agreed that PCF Gateway Trust would be removed from the Mission Support list and be replaced with 'Disaster fund'. It was also agreed that funds not used in this category during the year, would be added to the Tearfund donation. In 2024 no funds were donated to a particular disaster, Tearfund therefore received a double allocation of mission support.

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Signed ..... 

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..... Alsager ST7 2LP

Date: ..... 23 February 2025