

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

St Saviour and St Peter, Eastbourne

St Saviour’s Church, South Street, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4UT

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For the year ended 31st December 2024

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St Saviour's Eastbourne

Trustees Annual Report for 2024

"Stunning, highly-decorated Victorian church, conserved and in excellent condition."

– a 'Google' reviewer

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Fr Mark McAulay SSC, in:

- The promotion of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, ecumenical
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known
- Being more open, converted, generous and engaged as a church (Diocesan Vision for Growth 2020-2025)
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need, or ability to pay
- Providing practical support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. Our Mission Action Plan is regularly reviewed, and we also regularly ensure our activities are in sympathy with the Diocesan Vision for Growth 2020-2025.

For 2024 we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering a daily Mass (and other opportunities) of worship, teaching and prayer
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Aiding the poor and needy of the parish, and beyond, through donations of food, non-perishable goods and money to the Matthew 25 Mission, Family Support Work and Eastbourne Foodbank
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as an historic and significant venue in the centre of the town which is also used extensively as a venue for instrumental and choral recitals
- Maintaining the church hall as a venue for parish events and for use by local groups and charities (often without charge)

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Worship

We are pleased to welcome visitors from outside as well as inside the parish boundary. Mass is offered daily on every day of the year, including Bank Holidays, and the Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer are also celebrated on behalf of the entire parish. As Eastbourne is a popular holiday destination some visitors seek out St Saviour's for its traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, many of whom return to us year after year. Visitors attend by personal choice, and it is our great pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We contend that being open to all people, and voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

"The church is beautiful. But for me what draws me back is well planned liturgy and a welcoming congregation."

– a 'Tripadvisor' reviewer

Our average regular weekly attendance, counted during October 2024, was **205** adults and children (**187** in 2023 and by way of context, an "average" Church of England parish church had a total average of **49** adults and children attending each week in 2023).

It has also been a great encouragement to welcome many new worshippers to St. Saviour's. At the time of writing this Report (March 2025), average attendance at the main Sunday Mass at 10.30am is **124** (which is an increase on the previous year and, by way of context, an "average" Church of England parish church had a total Sunday average attendance of 39 adults and children in 2023

(see p.10 at <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2024-12/statisticsformission2023.pdf>).

At the time of writing average attendance at the earlier said Sunday Mass at 9am is **15**.

Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and guided prayer before the noon Mass on Tuesdays continued throughout 2024 and continues to be much appreciated. The healing ministries of laying on of hands and anointing at the Mass on every 3rd Sunday continued and are well valued and used by the congregation, and those visiting for Mass. In January 2024 we introduced the recitation of the Holy Rosary after the 10.30am Mass on Wednesdays, which has been much appreciated by those who attend (this also livestreamed for those unable to attend, and for those who like to "catch up" at another time at their convenience).

The daily Mass and the main Sunday Mass at 10.30am also continued to be live streamed for the benefit of those who were housebound and/or ill, together with many people across the UK (and, indeed, beyond). We take this "online" ministry seriously and know that it is much valued and appreciated by those who engage with it. In 2024, our online 'reach' on Facebook increased almost 80% to over 21,000 people. The total number of Facebook visits (i.e., where people have deliberately sought us) was over 12,000, which was slightly down from last year but we now have a group of 1,100 dedicated followers (up 80%). The audience for our posts and videos includes people from as far afield as the US & Canada, Australia and Europe – as well as other parts of the UK besides Eastbourne. Our daily Masses were always watched live by at least some people, whilst Mass on Sundays usually had a live audience in double figures. These services also enjoyed – and continue to enjoy – substantial engagement after their broadcast and are available online to watch at a later date as well both on Facebook and YouTube.

During 2024 we continued to celebrate midweek sung Masses for Solemnities and Major Feasts. The decision to celebrate these during the day rather than in the evening continued to be popular as they were well attended with an average of **47** communicants (up on the previous year, and to put this into perspective, an "average" Church of England parish church in 2023 had a total average of **39** adults and children attending every **Sunday**). For example, the sung Mass on All Saints' Day was attended by **55** people. This welcome trend has continued up until the time of writing this report.

Numbers attending on Ash Wednesday were slightly down on the previous year with **80** attending, although it was pleasing to see an increase in the average weekly attendance at **17** for Stations of the Cross throughout Lent. Attendances throughout Holy Week were again very encouraging (from Palm Sunday to Easter Day no less than **618** people attended our services (609 in 2023)).

"This is just a note to thank you for your leadership of the Holy Week and Easter services. It has been quite a journey, but well worth the effort and I appreciate the effort that you personally put in. In particular I found your sermons on Saturday evening and this morning especially passionate and inspiring..."

– a member of the congregation

The Easter Vigil and Easter Day Masses were attended by **278** people (**266** in 2023, and by way of context, an "average" Church of England parish church had a total average of **67** adults and children attending Easter Services in 2023).

Christmas is obviously a very special time of celebration where many sections of the community come together to join in our services, particularly Nine Lessons & Carols – which was attended by **270** people (a significant increase on the **225** the year before). Our immensely popular Christmas Gala with local

choirs, soloists and the Lewes, Glynde and Beddingham brass band was enjoyed by over **200** people on 17th December. Our immense thanks to our Director of Music, Paul Collins, for making this possible. The Midnight Mass of Christmas, and Mass of Christmas morning were attended by **202** people (a slight increase on the previous year and, by way of context, an "average" Church of England parish church had a total average of **143** adults and children attending Christmas Services in 2023).

A greater number of our church family have been involved in leading various aspects of worship, reading the lessons, leading intercessions and serving at the altar. During 2024 three new servers were identified, trained and are now deployed at the altar. In this latter respect, our thanks go to Canon Richard Harper SSC who has done sterling work training the serving team and generally improving the standard of our liturgy. We are also grateful for the dedication and hard work of our volunteer Sacristan, Bruno Da Silva and his mother Maria Pontes who faithfully launders and irons all of our small linens.

We have continued to try to improve the quality of our welcome to, and engagement with, visiting worshippers by deliberately deploying clergy at the back of church to engage with them and guide them towards refreshments and fellowship after the main Sunday Mass, which is much appreciated. This engagement also helps the clergy to be more aware of, and responsive to, the pastoral needs of our congregation and visitors.

At St. Saviour's we take seriously our duty to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 96:9), and our programme of restoration and renewal in this respect continued throughout 2024. In January the wooden Louis Grossé statue of Our Lady was removed to be sensitively cleaned and restored by professional restorers from the South East Conservation Centre in St. Leonards-on-Sea; our thanks to the generous anonymous donor who made this possible. It was good to see her back looking so splendid when she returned.

In February Genevieve Gomi of Stella Maris Vestments returned our "St. Peter's" red cope, which she had beautifully (and very reasonably) restored. She also provided two newly commissioned large, embroidered corporals for use on special occasions (such as confirmations, ordinations, and the Chrism Mass when we asked to host it). In March the PCC decided to commission matching dalmatics (other than green as we already had it) for diaconal use as it was realised that these had been overlooked in the vestments we had previously commissioned. We were delighted in this to be supported by way of a grant from the Spencer Wills trust which covers the entire cost of the commission. We were also delighted to take delivery – just in time for Christmas – of a beautiful new reversible white and red High Altar frontal which we had commissioned from Stella Maris. It is pleasing that the fabric used in these commissions, "Jay" by Comper, is a modern pressing of a fabric in which we have always had Victorian era vestments at St. Saviour's. The funding for the High Altar frontal came from the generous legacy of the late Alan Langridge; we are confident that, as a faithful servant of the sanctuary, Alan would have approved of what we have commissioned, and we continue to pray that he may rest in peace.

In preparation for Passiontide, Krys Breeze made an entire set of new veils as the old set were looking tired and needed replacement. This was no mean feat and, when asked, Krys revealed that she had spent an average of two hours' per day working on them from January – March. We are immensely grateful for this kindness and act of devotion which has made a real impact. Later in the year Krys also made a new inner tabernacle veil for us, and a new veil for the large ciborium.

Through Lent 2024 Paul Fella designed and made a splendid new processional cross which was blessed on Holy Saturday and first used at the Easter Vigil. A fascinating article as to how Paul went about this project appeared in the April edition of our parish magazine, "Logos".

In March the Vicar donated a French 19th century library table for use in the church library, which is a significant improvement on its predecessor.

At the end of April Paul Fella retouched the marble and undertook some minor restoration to the mosaic of St. Martha outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

On Trinity Sunday we first used a new set of Italian altar bells which had been donated to St. Saviour's through the St. Saviour's Servers' Fund – these bells are the same as those used in the Shrine Church at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Krys Breeze kindly made a new cushion for them to rest on in a deep red William Morris fabric. Our thanks to the servers and Krys for these enhancements to our worship.

In July Tony Sharley kindly cleaned and restored a brass altar crucifix which had been found abandoned in a cupboard, but which now sits in pride of place on the vestment presses in the sacristy.

During most of November we honoured our war dead through our Festival of Remembrance which included again a large carpet of hundreds of hand-knitted poppies in the porch – our thanks to those who knitted the poppies. Paul Fella also designed and produced a special, and visually effective, display for the education of parishioners and visitors on the 80th anniversary of D-Day (6th June 1944).

In December, Fr Tom Mendel SSC donated a set of oil filled Advent candles, which will be used in Advent 2025 and the Vicar donated two gothic Marian chasubles which are already in use.

Over the course of the year the beauty of the church is significantly enhanced by the wonderful flower arrangements put together by our dedicated team of arrangers. Our thanks to Judy Grundy, Krys Breeze, Pauline and Paul Fella and the rest of the team.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

"I am loving St Saviour's as I learn something every time I'm there... and I don't know if it's trying, learning and listening to things for the first time or just that my ears have been opened and I am actually hearing and/ or my heart has been opened to receive Christ or even both. But I am happy, welcomed, part of the community and enjoying it so much that I am thankful."

– a newer member of the congregation

Since becoming parish priest in 2018 Fr Mark has put a deliberate emphasis on teaching and catechesis, which is both noted and appreciated. A short teaching homily is preached at every daily Mass (sadly, an unusual practice these days in most churches), short explanations of the Sunday readings are provided in the Sunday service booklet, and daily teaching and devotional materials have been introduced for the use of the congregation in Advent and Lent.

In March the Vicar and assistant curate delivered bereavement training at a teaching lunch ("Finding Hope in Grief") at which 20 people attended. In June, one of our associate clergy, Fr Tom Mendel SSC, presented a teaching session on church history and ecclesiology to a similar number of people entitled, "St. Saviour's – How did we get here?", which was followed up with a question-

and-answer session on the same themes in August. In September, Brian Adams gave a very interesting illustrated lecture on the genesis and history of St. Saviour's which was followed by a short "show and tell" tour of the church. This was followed the next day by a Sunday teaching lunch presented by Fr Richard Keeble on "why we worship the way we do" which was also very well received and led in November to 25 people joining the Vicar, the Assistant Curate and Fr Richard Harper SSC for a "Sacred Show and Tell" guided tour of the church including, amongst other things, sacred vestments and the altar and its significance.

Our attractive, and high quality, parish magazine ("Logos") also has regular teaching articles in it, including the Vicar's monthly theological reflection and a similar appropriately entitled article from our assistant curate, "The Curate's Egg". Throughout 2024 via the "Art of St. Saviour's" column readers have also been educated about the meaning behind the many mosaics in the church (particularly the stained glass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, including St. Wilfrid, St. Hilda, St. Oswald, St. Colomba, St. Alban, St. Perpetua, St. Cecilia, St. Martin and St. George). From the April edition we were delighted to re-run a wonderful series on the history of St. Saviour's musical tradition by the late David Thorpe. We were also treated to an article by Paul Fella detailing how he created a new processional cross from scratch during Lent, an interesting piece on "Pets as Therapy" and a "Summertime Spiritual" (usefully signposting online spiritual resources). These articles have been highly regarded and our sincere thanks to all our contributors and particularly to Paul Fella for his hard work in editing and producing such a high-quality magazine.

During Lent there was a full programme of events, including weekly Stations of the Cross, a Lent Course, three charity Lent lunches (which raised £420 for the Beachy Head Chaplaincy, the Matthew 25 Mission and St. Wilfrid's Hospice). The *Jesus the Lord* Lent course was both well attended and incredibly well received. Those attending clearly deepened in their faith and in their sacramental lives.

"Thank you for an unforgettable Holy Week"

– a member of the congregation

Walk with Me Lent prayer booklets were made available, as was a pamphlet explaining the significance of Holy Week and the times of the services which was widely distributed.

In July we bought a tablet (together with the Universalis Daily Prayer App) for use by those who join the clergy for Morning & Evening Prayer, which has been welcomed by those who regularly use it.

During the year we were privileged to welcome guest preachers to St. Saviour's. These included: the Rt. Revd. Peter Wheatley (former Bishop of Edmonton); the Rt. Revd. John Ford (former Bishop of Plymouth); the Revd. Dr. George Westhaver (Principal of Pusey House, Oxford), and; Fr Roger Turner SSC.

23 people went on pilgrimage, led by the Vicar, the Assistant Curate & Canon Richard Harper SSC to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from 30th September – 4th October. As well as an opportunity for prayer, quiet reflection and spiritual refreshment, there was an opportunity for fellowship with old friends from the Vicar's previous parish in North London.

"I feel most strongly that my faith has been strengthened by my visit..."

– a first time pilgrim to Walsingham

The new lectionary came into general use on Advent Sunday 2024, and the people were prepared for its use both through an informative article in *Logos* (our parish magazine) and through a scheme for them to obtain their own Sunday missals at a favourable price. In the event 55 missals were ordered. The lectern and altar versions, and a new Gospel Book, were also obtained and the (not insignificant) cost of these was met by the collection taken in memory of the late Peter Benzing. We are grateful to Marilyn Benzing for her support of this project and to Paul Fella for designing and producing "in memoriam" bookplates for each of the volumes.

Throughout Advent, our Assistant Curate successfully delivered an Advent course he had adapted from the Sycamore Course - *God in our Lives* - which was well attended and well received. *Walk with Me* Advent prayer booklets were also made available.

Building up the Body of Christ together

"You and the associate clergy have created a wonderfully welcoming, accepting, joyful community full of inspiring and comforting worship. A place so many of us call 'home'."

– a member of the congregation

As well as worshipping together, we continue to be deliberate in our attempts to build up relationships and social cohesion amongst our members, our visitors and all those who wish to join us. In addition to our weekly time of fellowship together after Mass (our thanks go to Alan Fairs, Noel Thompson and the rest of the team who provide us – and, more importantly, those visiting us - with that important ministry), we were pleased to offer an extensive programme of social activities (some of which are outlined later in this Report).

We also build relationships and cohesion as a church family by supporting each other in times of difficulty and in celebrating happy occasions together. We gave thanks at the altar for the lives of Liz Tardif in January, Tom Bedding in February, Mary Delves in July, and David McLean in November. We also held a Memorial Service for Robert Milnes on 16th February. May they all rest in peace.

In May our Assistant Curate Fr Richard Keeble officiated at his first baptisms – of Lily Rose and Zoe.

We also offered a celebratory Mass for the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Professor and Mrs. Michael Davies in January, and the Vicar was delighted to officiate at the wedding of Robert Aldington-Smith and Ashley Ablitt in May. He was

also delighted to bless the civil marriage of Tory Macdonald and Fr Tom Mendel SSC (one of our associate clergy) and we were all pleased to share with them a glass of fizz to celebrate after Mass on 23rd June.

We continued our tradition of regularly celebrating the significant birthdays of our members with cake and wine after Mass on Sunday (including Steve Gilbert's 50th birthday, and the 80th birthday of Ken Mayhew).

On Pentecost Sunday (19th May) we celebrated Mary Delves' 90 years attending St. Saviour's which was a very joyous occasion marked by the choir (of which she had been a loyal member for many years) singing a specially composed "psalm" in her honour, and a cake made by Paul Collins our Director of Music. Sadly, Mary died not long later on 1st June. The PCC commissioned a bespoke Service Register in her memory, which was delivered in December 2024 and will be used when the current Register is complete.

One of the highlights of 2024 for our community was the first Mass of Fr Richard Keeble on 12th June, a Votive Mass of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest. It was wonderful to witness a new priest celebrate Mass surrounded by those who had nurtured and supported him through his journey to priesthood, and we were pleased to welcome members of Fr Richard's family and his friends. The Events Group did us proud with a wonderful reception after the Mass and our thanks go to all who made it such a special evening.

Evangelism and outreach

During 2024 we ran three primary outreach ministries: *ChatStop* (a monthly breakfast club/coffee morning for those who would benefit from companionship and conversation), *Lunch for One* (a monthly lunch club primarily for those who live alone but open to all) and the *Wellbeing Café* (a weekly café for those with mental health challenges) – all of which are greatly valued by those who use them, and the local community.

ChatStop was originally run on the model of being a "coffee morning" but developed into additionally offering breakfast, brunch, soup and mini lunches. The average number of guests served was 36. Any leftover food was offered to those who had limited cooking facilities, the homeless and those with other social needs.

Lunch for One ran between 12noon and 2pm every third Saturday of the month and the average number of guests attending was 54. A two-course lunch with a choice of meat or vegetarian food was served together with a pudding, cup of tea and a slice of cake or biscuits. Leftover food was offered to those who have limited cooking facilities, the homeless and those with other social needs.

These were significant areas of outreach and service which were much valued by those who used them in the local community. Our thanks to Yvonne & Bill Dyer and all the other volunteers and supporters who made them possible. The Dyers retired and moved on in early May 2024, and consequently for practical reasons the PCC decided to suspend *Lunch for One* and relaunch *ChatStop* in the Autumn. *ChatStop* was successfully relaunched on 12 October 2024 under the leadership of Alan and Francesca Fairs and has reverted to its previous incarnation as more of a "coffee morning". Those who attend (at the time of writing, an average attendance of 20 people) value what is offered and we are finding that there is some overlap in guests attending who are regulars at our *Wellbeing Café*.

"I believe that it's a fabulous place for people to come to, whether they're lonely or they've got issues. I would say it's incredibly friendly and welcoming and is thriving."

"Jesus said in Matthew 25 'When I was poor and sick you visited me and that whatever you did for others you did for me'. The Wellbeing Café shows love and friendship. There's a welcoming atmosphere and we're filled with the Holy Spirit. It's creating a community."

"I feel like everyone accepts one another. And the pancakes were nice!" (on Shrove Tuesday)

- from a February 2025 survey of Wellbeing Café guests

The weekly *Wellbeing Café* (the first of its kind in a church in Eastbourne) has gone from strength to strength and now has between 30 and 45 guests every week plus 7-11 volunteers (including 4 clergy). It runs every Tuesday from 2pm-4pm throughout the year. People are often referred to it and we, in turn, can refer people on if necessary by way of "signposting" other services. In this sense it functions very much as a hub in the centre of town. People can chat with people, including several priests, in confidence if they want to. They are also able to play a wide variety of board games, eat cakes and enjoy plenty of tea and coffee. Those attending have varied needs and some want to talk about ongoing problems (e.g. health or housing issues) but the conversations vary from politics and current affairs to cooking, films and music, TV programmes, shopping and of course the weather!

A lot of the guests are single and lonely and just want the company of other people for a couple of hours. There are more men than women but no-one is violent or aggressive, so people do not feel threatened or uncomfortable; there is always a lot of laughter. There is a wide selection of food and games available, as well as jigsaws, magazines, colouring books, puzzles and other reading material. Since the PCC bought the Yamaha Clavinova in 2023 thanks to the generosity of a private donor, some guests enjoy playing it and others enjoy the live music – there is normally an hour of live music at the café each week from 2pm-3pm. Regular attendees greatly value what is on offer, and the conducive and safe environment in which this weekly support structure takes place. Over 2024 there has been a steadily building stream of people from the café to the church's services. This has also resulted in more people from the café community becoming involved in extra church events and outreach. This synergy is to be welcomed.

Our guests particularly enjoyed the party we held on 9th January, and pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. We are pleased to continue to be supported by a financial grant from East Sussex County Council for the café and we are grateful to Beverley Thorp, our Treasurer, for her work in continuing to secure this funding. We are also grateful to Jane Ferguson (who resigned in December 2024) and the many other volunteers for keeping this valuable weekly resource operating for the benefit of vulnerable members of the community. The café brings joy to a lot of people – including the volunteers – and we are delighted to see it flourish.

On our Feast of Title, the Solemnity of Christ the King (Sunday 24th November) we enjoyed an “in house” Patronal Festival “fizz and canapés” reception organised by our Events Group. This dynamic group comprises of 12 enthusiastic volunteers led by Paul Fella. The group meets regularly to plan our social calendar and is responsible for the delivery of our programme of social events.

“We had a wonderful time at the Assumptiontide Garden Party yesterday. Over the years we have attended many similar events but never one that was so well planned, organised and executed as this one was... it was a total delight.”

– a member of the congregation

There were also a number of other social events held throughout the year including a Burns Night Supper (which raised £680 towards the upgrading of the hall kitchen), Shrove Tuesday pancakes, a Gourmet Dinner, a Tea Time Quiz, an Anzac Day “Smoko”, and the Assumptiontide Vicarage Garden Party (with the very popular local Jazz band, and friends of St. Saviour's, *Con Brio* – attended by over 100 people and raising £1650). Although a modest charge is made to

attend most of these events to cover costs and to raise funds for the upkeep of the church, members of the congregation are encouraged to bring friends and family. They are fun events, open to members of the community and are a useful means of outreach, fellowship and networking for the people attending each event. Our thanks to Paul Fella and all the Events Group for their dynamism, enthusiasm and hard work.

We were delighted to continue our parish days out: in 2024, to Ashburnham and lunch at the King's Head, and Teapot Island. Our thanks go to Sue & Keith Metcalfe for organising these pleasurable activities which are also an opportunity for people to get to know each other better.

Post-COVID, an increasingly important means of evangelism and outreach is via our “digital presence”. We continue to improve our website which includes links to *The List* (list.co.uk - a national events listing site) *Visit Eastbourne*, *Trip Advisor* and *Google Business* to promote the church and the many events we hold. During 2024 we continued to see good use made of online presence. Most traffic was generated either directly although some came via search engines *Bing* or *Google*. We continue to get new visitors, with an average visit lasting for more than five and a half minutes!

As already noted at the beginning of this Report, we also have a significant *Facebook* presence with some posts being viewed by over 1,000 people. We know, from comments received, that this has increased the number of visitors to the church many of whom join in our worship.

Contributing to, and joining in with, the life of the wider church and community

Throughout 2024 this church, and our clergy, continued to support the life and work of the wider church and community.

The Vicar continued to act as a training incumbent, as Bishop's Surrogate for Common Licences and remained on the list as a Liturgical Chaplain to the Bishop of Chichester, which involves the planning and advance rehearsal of episcopal liturgies in the local parishes (such as Confirmation and Ordination).

On 18th January we hosted the Eastbourne Deanery Clergy Chapter Meeting.

On 7th April our Assistant Curate and members of the congregation led the Eastbourne DGH Hospital Service. We hosted the Chapter Mass for the brethren of the Society of the Holy Cross (SSC) – a fraternal society of priests with a common rule of life, of which the Vicar and most of our associate priests are brothers – in February, September and November.

On 9th June we were delighted to host the ordinations to the priesthood of our Assistant Curate and two others by the Bishop of Lewes.

We hosted the Eastbourne Deanery Synod on 19th June.

St. Saviour's clergy have continued to be deployed in helping other churches by taking services on an occasional basis, particularly at St. Mary's, Old Town, until the appointment of their new parish priest. Pauline Fella (Churchwarden) and the Vicar attended to represent St. Saviour's at the Licensing by the Bishop of Chichester of the Revd. Arwen Folkes on 29th July.

In early August the Assistant Curate assisted the DGH Chaplaincy by acting as an on-call Chaplain.

Fr. Richard Keeble assisted the Chichester Diocesan contingent at the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage from 5th-9th August.

To encourage vocations to the priesthood, and to encourage those already in formation, we invited an ordinand from St. Stephen's House, Oxford, to preach at St. Saviour's at a Sunday Mass in September 2024. We are pleased to have developed a link with St. Stephen's House and hope that this link can be further strengthened in the future.

During December our Assistant Curate was on placement with the Beachy Head Chaplaincy team.

On 5th December we hosted the Funeral Service of the late G. Forbes Wastie, who was a well-loved and respected one time Deputy Headmaster of Eastbourne College. His service was taken by the Conduct (Chaplain) of Eton College and was attended by 250 people, including many associated with the College.

On 6th December we were delighted to open the church and offer mince pies and hot drinks to visitors to the "Little Chelsea Little Christmas" event. 72 people visited, including children, and were made most welcome (including one little boy having a play on the organ!).

On 14th December the Vicar was the guest speaker at the local Christian Men's Breakfast (which is attended by over 50 lay men and church leaders from numerous Eastbourne churches), giving a talk on the spirituality, theology and poetry of the Spanish mystic, St. John of the Cross.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy

The fact that the church is open every day from 8.30am to 5pm to the public is much valued, and the church is visited extensively by people from all around the world, many who value the peacefulness and the opportunity to pray and light a candle. It is important to us that the church is available for private prayer not just to the church family but to the wider visiting community. We are very grateful to Tricia Sneath and our faithful "Open Church" volunteers who provide a valuable ministry of welcome to these many visitors on some weekdays to guide them around the church and answer any questions. This too is greatly appreciated by locals and visitors alike and the many comments we receive in person, entries in our Visitors' Book, and online reviews testify to this. Many remark not only how refreshing it is to find the church open but also the sense of peacefulness and spirituality the church pervades. Other remarks include the sense of history within, and comment on the appreciation of the architectural beauty of the building.

"Stunning and peaceful."

– a 'Google' reviewer

The building is large and has a very lively (and natural) acoustic which means that it is very popular as a concert venue for local choirs, choral societies and orchestras, many of which raise funds for local charities. During 2024 we put on our usual series of free lunchtime recitals each of which attracted 50 or more visitors. Both the church and the local community should be grateful to Paul Collins, our Director of Music, for continuing to put together this popular concert series, and to the church volunteers who kindly steward and provide refreshments.

The Sunday *Chamber Concerts* series (which we were able to ‘rehome’ and support from 2018 after the sudden closure of the Underground Theatre) continued throughout 2024, some of which attracted an audience of up to 70 or 80 people, some of whom have become regular visitors to church services.

We were pleased to welcome the *Renaissance Singers* again for their Epiphany Meditation Concert in January, Lent Meditation in March, and Advent Meditation in December – these significantly high-quality choral concerts are well-supported, and we very much value the link between the church and the *Renaissance Singers*.

During the year we hosted the Eastbourne Symphony Orchestra’s two annual concerts. The relationship between St. Saviour’s and the ESO goes back many years and we also very much value this.

Throughout 2024 we continued to support the charitable work of *Concentus* (one of Eastbourne’s largest amateur choirs) primarily by providing rehearsal time in both the church and the church hall, on-going annual storage for their staging, and in hosting their two major concerts during the Summer and at Christmas (“*Concentus sings..*”).

In February we hosted the Lewes Singers directed by Nick Houghton, who is no stranger to St. Saviour’s and often deputises on the organ for our own Director of Music.

In May we hosted the Hailsham Choral Society together with the ESO for Verdi’s *Requiem*.

In November we also welcomed New Sussex Opera for a performance of the little known (and indeed little performed) choral drama adapted from the Coventry mystery play, *Bethlehem*.

We are pleased that our partnership with “Lumos Live” has continued through 2024 with them using us regularly as a venue for their atmospheric candle-lit concerts of popular music played by a string quartet.

The church has always been popular as a venue with local schools (particularly Eastbourne College and Bede’s) and we hosted the Bede’s School Christmas Carol Concerts on 10th and 13th December.

The church hall is very popular with local organisations, charity and community groups and individuals and is fully accessible. As already noted, it is used extensively for activities which benefit the community which included, in 2024, Eastbourne Foodbank, the Say Aphasia Charity, the Company Youth Group, acting as a polling station and as a venue for a local councillor’s surgery, and acting as the venue for the AGMs of many local blocks of flats and for the AGM of the local RSPCA branch. Other regular users include the Townies WI, Society of Eastbourne Artists, Line Dancers, Scottish dancers and Tango dancers. The church hall is managed on an entirely voluntary basis by one of our Churchwardens, Pauline Fella, who is extremely busy and works hard enough as Churchwarden without this added responsibility – our immense thanks continue to go to Pauline for her “above and beyond” work both for the church but also on behalf of the many groups who use the hall. Whilst she is assisted by Noel Thompson (to whom we are also grateful), we continue to hope that in 2025 Pauline can be relieved of this burden.

Maintenance of the church building, grounds and future projects

St. Saviour’s church is a significant Grade II* listed building which requires a huge amount of ongoing daily maintenance. It is officially designated as a Church of England “Major Parish Church” (Major Parish Churches represent some of the most special, significant and well-loved places of worship in England, and are designated as such for a number of reasons including having “*a role or roles beyond those of a typical parish church, and make a considerable civic, cultural and economic contribution to their communities*”).

Our church is kept clean and tidy by a dedicated team of volunteers who spend a significant amount of time each week caring for the interior of the building. They are complemented by a small but highly dedicated team who work

“Absolutely beautiful! A very sacred space.”

- a ‘Google’ reviewer

outside in the gardens and car park. We are most grateful to all those who give up their time to keep St Saviour’s inside and out in such good condition. The cleanliness and good order of the church and the tidiness and beauty of the garden are often remarked upon by our visitors.

Just in time for our Patronal Celebration (The Solemnity of Christ the King), new “draught proof” glass inner entrance doors were installed which are in keeping with the glass used in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Our thanks are due to Peter Pritchett, our architect, to Ion Glass and Messrs. Paynes (Builders) who successfully completed the project, to Richard Crook and Paul Fella for the design of the manifestation on the glass, and the late Alan Langridge whose generous bequest to St. Saviour’s made the project possible.

As well continuing this ever-on-going general maintenance, and cleaning, of the church, hall and the gardening of the grounds – the following specific items were carried out:

4th January - four extra CCTV cameras were installed to cover the chapel, the hallway outside the kitchen and the car parks

5th January - new hot water boiler fitted in Hall kitchen

In January the piston on the inner entrance door failed; the PCC began to look at replacement doors similar to Blessed Sacrament chapel. After architect's involvement, application for Faculty 1 May – interim Faculty granted 9 May (confirmatory 9 June). Manifestation designed by RC and PF

12th Jan – Clarke Roofing and Galenite repaired vandalised war memorial following the theft of lead 26-27 Nov 2024

29th Feb – the electrical ring main in office was replaced

13th March – the new nave lights were signed off

29th March – the hall roof was cleared of debris

16th – 17th April - a new power supply was installed in hall kitchen in readiness for two new single cookers and a new dishwasher to be installed

Throughout May – clearance of choir vestry by volunteers

June- July – Big Clear out in the hall vestibule

Mid-July – Paul Fella constructs new wooden cupboards in linkway between church and hall

3rd & 19th August - church and hall Portable Appliance Testing is carried out

19th August – Lightning Conductor serviced

11th September – church boilers serviced

25th September - new locks installed on the hall doors and in the church

21st October - fire extinguishers are checked

22nd November – new glass entrance doors fitted in time for Christ the King (as noted above).

19th December – one of the church boilers repaired following a breakdown

23rd December – a Christmas working party of 22 volunteers to clean, prepare and decorate the church for Christmas – with homemade soup

During 2024 the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC continued to consider the pressing pastoral issue of our closed Memorial Garden and what future provision we might make for the burial of ashes of departed members of the congregation and those living within the parish boundaries. We are confident that we will be able to make some practical progress on this matter in 2025.

Throughout 2024 we also have continued to review the recommendations of the Quinquennial Survey of the fabric, and have carried out such works as have been possible, and planned how the other works may be viable. A lot of maintenance is carried out “in house” by volunteers and we immensely grateful to them for this.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

Members of the congregation, and indeed anybody seeking help, are regularly supported by the clergy and many of our lay people. This help can be simply a listening ear, or by praying, or of a more practical nature such as buying shopping, collecting prescriptions, or offering a lift in a car. A lot of the clergy support given is often on an individual

“I would offer a big thank you to kind gentleman who invited me in to the church... as I was in some emotional distress at the time. My visit allowed me to find some internal peace and calmness at a very low point.”

- a ‘Google’ review by a member of the public

and long-term, on-going basis and by its confidential nature it obviously “goes unseen” but is, nevertheless, both important and valued by those supported. This support is also given to members of the public who may not be members of the congregation as such;

the important factor for us is trying to respond to need when it is encountered.

During 2024 some members of the congregation have particularly valued the end-of-life care offered to their relatives by clergy at St. Saviour's. The Vicar also supports various callers, some of whom are regulars, who knock at the door of the Vicarage. During 2024, hospital visits and home communions were undertaken by the Vicar, the Assistant Curate and some of the associate clergy.

"Thank you for all your prayers and pastoral care before, during and after (my husband's) illness and death."

– a member of the congregation

Pastoral support is also given by the clergy through funeral and bereavement ministry. The clergy officiated at a number of funerals both at St Saviour's and elsewhere, whilst also providing follow-up bereavement ministry. Both funeral services and Requiem Masses were offered over the year for members of the congregation and for those living in

or near the parish. Following the bereavement training the Vicar and Assistant Curate received towards the end of 2023, we delivered similar training for the laity at a bereavement teaching lunch at St. Saviour's in March 2024.

We are grateful for the ministry of our loyal associate clergy who support our incumbent in delivering pastoral and sacramental ministry at St. Saviour's.

Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy

We continue to have a formal partnership with the Eastbourne Foodbank, meaning that as well as being a collection point for donations (which is well supported by members of the congregation and others), we host the Foodbank every Friday in the hall (free of charge). The Eastbourne Foodbank is currently the busiest Foodbank in the UK, and our satellite of it (being in the centre of town) is in a

key location and extensively used by a large number of the local community. We also offer support to the Sussex Family Support Work charity throughout the year both through the collection of Christmas toys and presents and Easter eggs for families in need, but also through providing a venue for FSW committee meetings free of charge in our Hall. At Harvest our members donated over 20 bags of non-perishable food, toiletries and other essential items to the Matthew 25 Homeless Mission, together with £150 raised from an auction of the perishable harvest gifts.

"The church feeds a lot of homeless people in its church hall next door, which is admirable."
- a 'Tripadvisor' reviewer

Other charitable giving and support

Three Lent lunches were held and the money raised (£420) went to the Beachy Head Chaplaincy, the Matthew 25 Mission and St. Wilfrid's hospice; our thanks to Paul Fella and the Events Group for organising them.

Over 2024 the church family has also supported The Children's Society, The Additional Curates Society, the Mission for Seafarers and Let the Children Live.

On 28th April, an ANZAC day "smoko" raised £105 for the Fields of Remembrance Trust.

On 14th September Krystyne Breeze, Pauline Fella, Fr Richard Harper and Robert Ascott participated in the Ride & Stride event, a sponsored walk, visiting churches in the Eastbourne area, with £565 raised shared with The Sussex Historic Churches Trust.

On 2nd December we hosted the Eastbourne Masonic Charity Carol Service.

Financial Review – forming the annual report of the Finance Committee.

It gives me great pleasure to present the financial review of the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which has had a number of challenges along the way.

We started 2024 with Unrestricted Funds (general funds used by the PCC for ordinary purposes) of £402,699 and closed the year with Unrestricted Funds of £483,398 an increase of £80,699. This increase was due to a number of donations we received in 2024.

We started 2024 with Restricted Funds (income from trusts, endowments, bequests or legacies received which can only be expended on a specific object) of £15,571 and closed the year with Restricted Funds of £20,912 an increase of £5,431. During 2024 we received £33,904 in donations and our expenditure was £28,563 of which:

£7,649.06 from the Jane Pinching legacy for the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

£8,901.60 from the Barbra Drew legacy for lighting and new nave light fittings.

£4,615 commission and restoration of vestments.

£1,317.37 Lectionary book of Gospels for 2025

Income

Total income for the year ended 31st December 2024 amounted to £265,245 this includes legacies of £103,454 and £10,000 the £3,600 from the Spencer Wells Trust.

Attendance at Sunday mass continues to increase which is in no doubt due to the wonderful and uplifting services of the clergy, servers and choir which is reflected in an increase in collections and regular giving. The Parish Giving Scheme amounted to £30,864, Donations and Appeals £15,073, Giving/Cash £10,800, and Events and fundraising £8,667.

Hire of the Church Hall increased, and rental income raised was £19,370 we also raised £19,118 from the car parking fees and £4,413 from baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2024 amounted to £133,596 of which £105,033 was from unrestricted funds and £28,563 from restricted funds.

The Parish Ministry Costs (PMC) increased to £64,633 compared to £54,156 in 2023. At the start of the financial year our PMC contribution was £4,280 per month but this did not cover the full cost of a full time priest. The PCC agreed that we should pay the full costs for a full time priest and therefore from July our monthly payments increased to £6,688 of which £10,072 goes towards next generation curates.

Clergy costs totalled £6,175 compared with £6,843 the previous year, of which we paid £5,407 in council tax.

Church running expenses totalled £30,973 compared with £25,962 in 2023 this increase was due to a number of factors. Utilities for the church, church hall and vicarage; Gas £9,753, Electricity £5,009 and Water £1,274. Payment to Ecclesiastical our insurance £9,973 and cost of service £4,848 plus £540 for candles. Church hall running costs increased to £7,075 but this was due to £1,920 to JED Plumbing to remove and replace the hot water heater, £1,613 for 2 new cookers and £1,271 for a new dishwasher. Church maintenance £750 to Red Clover Roofing clearing gullies and £233 to Armoury Security to repair CCTV monitor.

Trading costs where £250 as Open Church is open.

Stewardship

Stewardship is important for the on-going life of our Church and to enable us to resource are ministry and mission. It is not simply the cost of the clergy or the day to day running costs, but the expenditure needed for us to impact on the lives of our parishioners and welcome newcomers into God's kingdom.

Stewardship is also about using the resources God has given to us, including our wealth, time and talents in order for us to sustain St Saviour's and grow our ministry. I have listed a few things you may want to consider sponsoring and if you have any other thoughts or ideas, please let me know.

1. The Sunday order of service
2. Candles for the high altar
3. Votive candles
4. Incense and charcoal
5. Altar wine
6. Communion wafers
7. Flowers
8. The monthly magazine

Thank You

On behalf of the PCC, I want to express our profound gratitude for your continued generous donations throughout the year. As a parish we are indebted to all those who give to the Church and we do not underestimate the difference your donations make to St Saviour's, and we are honoured that you bless us with your continued generosity and support.

Mrs Beverley Thorp
Treasurer

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All who attend church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll, so that they can vote for candidates for the PCC and the Deanery Synod, at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Communicant members who are 16 or over, and whose names are on the Roll, are entitled to stand for election to the PCC. This PCC does not have any sub-committees, but it does have a standing committee of four members: the Vicar, the two Churchwardens and Chair of the Finance Committee.

Throughout 2024 the PCC has complied with its duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2017, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops’ guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding arrangements are clearly stated on the front page of the parish website: www.stsaviourseastbourne.org.uk. The Parish was last fully audited for safeguarding (“SQP”) by the Diocese on 16th October 2019 and was found to be “fully compliant”.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent:	The Revd Fr Mark McAulay	<i>Chairman</i>
Churchwardens:	Mrs Pauline Fella	<i>Vice Chairman</i>
	Mr Noel Thompson	

Elected Members

<i>Elected Members</i>	
Dr Simon Thorp	<i>PCC Secretary</i>
Mrs Judy Grundy	
Mr Richard Crook	
Mrs Krystyne Breeze	
Mrs Beverley Thorp	<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>
Mr Paul Fella	
Mrs Gill Goff	
Mrs Ruth Figgist	
Mr Keith Metcalfe	
Marilyn Benzing	
<i>Deanery Synod</i>	
Mr Anthony Sharley	

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

This Trustees’ Annual Report was **approved** by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Fr Mark McAulay, PCC Chairman

..... Date.....

Annual Financial Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

St Saviour and St Peter, Eastbourne

St Saviour’s Church, South Street, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT

Registered Charity no. 1131420

For the year ended 31st December 2024

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
Incoming resources						
<i>Voluntary income</i>	2a	189,544	27,160	0	216,704	418,339
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>	2b	19,118		0	19,118	19,220
<i>Income from investments</i>	2c	925		0	925	778
<i>Church activities</i>	2d	22,712	6,744	0	29,456	28,802
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	2e	130		0	130	0
Total incoming resources		232,429	33,904	0	266,333	467,139
Resources expended						
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>	3a	0		0	0	72
<i>Fund-raising trading costs</i>	3b	0		0	0	250
<i>Church activities</i>	3c	150,342	28,563	0	178,905	237,350
<i>Governance Costs</i>	3d	300		0	300	300
Total resources expended		150,642	28,563	0	179,205	237,972
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		81,787	5,341	0	87,128	229,167
<i>Gross transfers between funds</i>	5	0	0	0	0	0
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before		81,787	5,341	0	87,128	229,167
<i>Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets</i>	6a	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Gains/(losses) on disposal investment assets</i>	6b	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		81,787	5,341	0	87,128	229,167
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		402,699	15,571	0	418,270	189,103
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2024		484,486	20,912	0	505,398	418,270

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6a	0	
Investments	6b	0	
Total fixed assets		<u>0</u>	
Current assets			
Debtors	8	5,609	4,521
Short term deposits		5,764	5,764
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>499,137</u>	<u>413,097</u>
		510,510	423,382
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>5,112</u>	<u>5,112</u>
Net current assets		505,398	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>505,398</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	9	0	
NET ASSETS		<u><u>505,398</u></u>	
Funds	7		
Endowment funds	10	0	
Restricted funds	10	20,912	
Unrestricted funds	10	484,486	
		<u><u>505,398</u></u>	

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 30th April 2025 and signed on its behalf

Chairman Fr. Mark McAulay

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

a Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and under current Church Accounting Regulations in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current (2015) Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102), as amended in 2016.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment

c Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

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

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.SAVIOUR & ST. PETER, EASTBOURNE.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
a Voluntary income					
Planned giving	36,065			36,065	37,063
Collections at all services	8,349	315		8,664	7,596
Gift days	2,453			2,453	2,012
Sundry donations and appeals	20,084	26,845		46,929	37,115
Income tax recoverable	7,543			7,543	4,553
Legacies	115,050	0		115,050	330,000
	189,544	27,160		216,704	418,339
b Activities for generating funds					
Fetes, bazaars and other fund-raising events					
Car Parking Fees	19,118			19,118	19,220
	19,118	0		19,118	19,220
c Investment income					
Dividends and interest	925			925	778
	925	0		925	778
d Income from Church Activities					
Church hall lettings etc	19,919			19,919	18,758
Church Outings etc	0	6,744		6,744	7,714
Fees from weddings etc	2,281			2,281	1,774
Parish magazine	512			512	556
	22,712	6,744		29,456	28,802
e Other other incoming resources					
Insurance claims	130			130	0
	130			130	0
Total incoming resources	232,429	33,904	0	266,333	467,139

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024**

Resources expended	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
	Funds	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£	£
3					
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>					
a Special appeal costs	0	0		0	0
Stewardship costs	0	0		0	72
	0	0		0	72
<i>Fund-raising trading costs</i>					
b Trading costs	0	0		0	250
Hire costs	0			0	0
	0	0		0	250
<i>Church Activities</i>					
c Missionary and charitable giving:					
Direct as a tithe	0			0	0
Collections and other giving	0	315		315	1,021
	0	315		315	1,021
Outings & Events		11,601		11,601	8,995
Ministry costs:					
diocesan parish contribution paid	64,633			64,633	54,156
other clergy costs	6,176			6,176	6,843
Church running expenses	37,249	2,942		40,191	31,813
Church maintenance	4,311	5,656		9,967	15,692
Upkeep of services	4,814	8,049		12,863	9,798
Upkeep of churchyard	2,473			2,473	2,416
Parish magazine	0			0	0
Church hall running costs	8,789	0		8,789	11,340
Prior year diocesan fees	0			0	0
Vicarage dilapidations		0		0	0
Legacy Fund Payments	21,897	0		21,897	95,276
	150,342	28,563		178,905	237,350
<i>Governance costs</i>					
d Independent examination fee	300			300	300
Cost of annual accounts					
	300	0		300	300
Total resources expended	150,642	28,563	0	179,205	237,972

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

4 Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
a Wages and salaries	5,053	4,485

During the year the PCC employed an organist, but no payment was large enough to attract social security costs.

b Payments to PCC members

There were no disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, nor persons closely connected to them, nor other related parties.

5 Analysis of transfers between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Vicarage Dilapidations	0	0	0

6 Fixed Assets

a Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Church equipment £	TOTAL £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2024	0	7,224	7,224
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
Revaluation	0	0	0
At 31 December 2024	0	7,224	7,224
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024		7,224	7,224
Provided in the year		0	0
Disposals		0	0
At 31 December 2024	0	7,224	7,224
Net book amounts			
At 31 December 2024	0	0	0
At 31 December 2023	0	0	0

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fixed assets for church use	0			0
Current assets	489,598	20,912		510,510
Current liabilities	(5,112)			(5,112)
	<u>484,486</u>	<u>20,912</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>505,398</u>

8 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Income tax recoverable	5,609	4,521
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>5,609</u>	<u>4,521</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	5,112	5,112
Archdeacon's Loan	-	0
	<u>5,112</u>	<u>5,112</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Fund					
General fund	399,699	232,429	(150,642)		481,486
Designated repair fund	0		0		0
Contingency fund	3,000				3,000
	<u>402,699</u>	<u>232,429</u>	<u>(150,642)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>484,486</u>
Restricted Fund					
Finance Committee	15,571	33,904	(28,563)		20,912
	<u>15,571</u>	<u>33,904</u>	<u>(28,563)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,912</u>
Total funds	<u>418,270</u>	<u>266,333</u>	<u>(179,205)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>505,398</u>

Independent examiner's report
To the PCC of St Saviour & St Peter Eastbourne

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on the foregoing pages, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

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

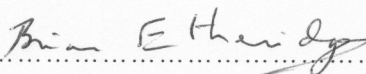
Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. 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 accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently 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 in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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..... 

Date: 22 May 2025

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