



**The PCC of St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill**

## **Trustees' Report & Financial Statements**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**



**Charity number: 1131423**

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## Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers

**NAME:** The Parochial Church Council  
of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill  
*PCC of St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill (working name)*

**CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER:** 1131423

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE:** St. Augustine's Church  
Church Road  
Scaynes Hill  
West Sussex  
RH17 7NY

### TRUSTEES:

<i>Vicar</i>	The Rev'd Beverley Miles ( <i>retired 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024</i> )	
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Mrs Sheila Maidment	Mr Kevin Deal
<i>Licensed Readers</i>	Mr Steve Argent	Mrs Gaynor Deal
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives</i>	Miss Lynne Watkins	Mrs Robyn Smith
	Mr Steve Argent	Mrs Sandy Hite ( <i>from September 2024</i> )
<i>Elected Members</i>	Mr Philip Brett ( <i>Safeguarding Officer</i> )	Ms Helen Brightey
	Miss Jo Burdett ( <i>from September 2024</i> )	Miss Sheila Clarke
	Mr Mike Harding	Mr Stephen Horsfield
	Mrs Debbie Martin	Mr Keith Martin ( <i>from 21st April 2024</i> )
	Mr Tony Moore	Dr David Smith
	Mrs Jenny Walker	Mr Jon White

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Parochial Church Council (the PCC) (the Trustees) presents its annual report together with the financial statements of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Augustine's, Scaynes Hill (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements and the requirements of the charity's governing document.

### ***STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT***

The principal object of the charity is to promote, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church.

#### ***Method of Appointment***

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council (the Trustees) who are appointed or elected under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and the Church Representation Rules.

#### ***Organisational Structure and Decision Making***

Membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members – all clerks in Holy Orders beneficed in or licensed to the parish, such Readers licensed to the parish as the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) determines should be so appointed, the churchwardens and any members of Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods – and up to 12 members of the church who are elected at the APCM. Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC.

The full PCC met 9 times during the year. In between meetings subgroups met and gave reports to full PCC meetings.

### ***OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES***

#### ***Policies and Objectives***

The primary objective of St. Augustine's PCC is the promotion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility, with the parish priest, of promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

#### ***Public benefit***

The PCC has considered the Commission guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. This has always been at the heart of the mission in the parish and the following overview of the year illustrates this.

#### ***Authorised Ministers***

The following support the incumbent and have been invaluable during the recent interregnum:

*Reverend Jean Sedgley - PTO*

*Mr Stephen Argent and Mrs Gaynor Deal - Licensed Readers*

*Mrs Jenny Bewick, Mrs Maria Brett, Mrs Gaynor Deal, Mr Mike Harding, Mrs Robyn Smith, Mrs Jenny Walker - Authorised Lay Ministers*

The parish is grateful for their ministry which does so much to enhance our vicar-led ministry, worship and pastoral care.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

#### *Extraordinary Events*

1. At the beginning of 2024 the Bishop of Horsham visited and led a service of thanksgiving for the new church floor which was much enjoyed by the congregation. As part of the celebration a time capsule was laid, via a trap door, and it is hoped that this will be opened in 2124. In addition, during the service 3 members of the church congregation were presented for confirmation.
2. In June 2024 Reverend Beverley Miles retired and the church congregation and local and wider community enjoyed a number of events and services to celebrate her time at St Augustine's. There were many written and spoken expressions of thankfulness for her hard work and dedicated ministry over the previous 3 years and these expressions were accompanied by several gifts. The whole community joined together in prayer to wish Beverley and Michael a long and very happy retirement
3. An interregnum can prove a challenging time, but the PCC was thankful for the continuing involvement of a large number of committed and active members of the congregation both lay and ordained. The church has been greatly blessed by Reverend Stephen Caple, Canon David Tickner and Reverend Jean Sedgley who have given up much of their time to take regular and special church services. The PCC was also very appreciative of the advice, support and guidance that Reverend Stephen has provided at their meetings. The whole church has been extremely grateful to them both for their help and ministry whilst in vacancy. A parish profile was prepared and submitted to the diocese in August 2024 and the vacancy has been advertised with a closing date of January 2025.

#### *Live Streaming of Sunday Morning Services*

The Sunday morning services continue to be live-streamed via 'YouTube' with the recording of the live stream remaining available on that platform for later viewing. We greatly value our online congregation who feel connected to the worship life of the church and, where known, we include them in our parish communications.

#### *Church Attendance*

There were 124 parishioners on the church electoral roll as at the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st April 2024. The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was an average of 54 adults present on each Sunday. The number of people viewing the on-line streamed services was estimated to be approximately 9 each week based on information from 'YouTube'. Significantly more tune in for special services such as Remembrance and the Carol Service.

#### *Review of the Year*

1. The full PCC met in person 9 times during the year. In addition, subgroups met and gave reports at full PCC meetings.
2. The Annual Parish Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 was held immediately after the Sunday morning service.
3. The teams established previously under the five strands of support, worship, well-being, witness and worship and discipleship are: community outreach, communications, eco, fabric, families and children (FACT), finance, ministry, music, pastoral, safeguarding, tech and well-being. They have continued to meet and to further the ministry and mission of the church. They also work on the mission action plan aims and objectives as directed by the PCC and report back to each PCC meeting. In addition to PCC members, they also include representatives from the congregation. Each team's inclusive ethos is central to the Christian values of our fellowship.

4. Our core worship every Sunday is a 10.00 am service of Holy Communion with the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month being a Worship for All Communion. In addition, we also offer a much-valued Thursday morning communion service. On Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sundays, our communion service was held in the evening to enable us to provide a more accessible service to the community as a whole and the church was full on both occasions.
5. During the year, additional services continued to be offered on most Sunday evenings and these were reviewed and developed as the year progressed. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month a special prayer space is offered and, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, we have Gateway sessions which facilitate discussion and prayer. Attendance at these services has been encouraging and has increased during the year.
6. Throughout 2024 the eco team has kept this agenda a prominent part of church life. They work closely with Scaynes Hill Sustainability Group to ensure that St Augustine's is part of the village's eco ethos. In September 2024 the team organised a very successful Living Lightly Day in the church and annexe which was very well-attended and thoroughly enjoyed by members of the local and wider community. It also attracted interest from local businesses. In addition, the eco team has continued to work towards achieving the A Rocha gold standard. There was also a prayer focus throughout COP29 by the team and church congregation.
7. Our monthly Funday Monday afternoon for families of pre-school and primary-aged children is a partnership initiative with St Augustine's School. These afternoons have proved popular not just with families from the school but also generally with families in the village. There are usually around 30 children at each session together with their parents or carers. It includes crafts, activities, bible-based stories and culminates in a freshly cooked hot meal. Funday Monday also includes an activity morning in both the Easter and Summer holidays. The Christingle which was celebrated as part of a Funday Monday session attracted 39 children and 24 adults.
8. There are currently very few children who attend on a Sunday morning but there are activities available should any attend with their parents or grandparents. On Tuesday mornings our coffee shop has attracted several grandparents with their young grandchildren which has developed a strong fellowship between all the children and grandparents.
9. Our relationship with St Augustine's Church of England Primary School has continued to develop positively through our "Growing Partnership" covenant which is signed annually by one of the school pupils and a churchwarden. Pupils at St Augustine's greatly enjoy the "Open the Book" assemblies which are delivered in school approximately twice per month. Our two foundation governors are also a great source of support to the school.
10. From the beginning of the Autumn term 2024 "Drop Off and Drop In" sessions have been offered to St Augustine's School parents to provide them with the opportunity to get together and chat over coffee and cake on a Thursday morning after school drop off at 8.45 am. These have been well-received by a number of parents and there is a core group who attend each week.
11. Much care and attention has been given to the safeguarding of young people and vulnerable adults within our community and this is embedded into our procedures with regular reports to PCC from the Safeguarding Officer. The PCC has fully complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising the duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.
12. Care for everyone in our community has remained a priority in 2024 with much support from members of the congregation and particularly from the well-being and community outreach teams. When we have been made aware of specific needs during the year the welcoming and inclusive nature of our fellowship has enabled us to respond with generosity and compassion e.g. financial and practical support to families during crisis, support during acute illness, on-going support during declining health, taking people to appointments and supporting our young people at university.

13. Many in the congregation, and others within the local community, generously give their time to be actively involved in all our work by volunteering and helping out at many of the different events and activities undertaken during 2024 including the Anchor Coffee Shop, the Living Lightly Day and the Book and Plant sale.
14. In 2024, three members of the congregation were licensed in Chichester Cathedral as ALM's (Authorised Lay Ministers) having taken the pastoral, rural mission and ministry and the leading small groups electives.
15. At St Augustine's we believe it is an important part of who we are as a worshipping community to promote and support the work of organisations whose aims are to make a difference in the world. We do this because we believe in a God who is generous to us and who wants us to be generous in return. We help our organisations by giving them: attention, action, time, practical support, resources, money and commitment - according to what is appropriate to their needs. In 2024, we chose to support the following organisations, according to the 5 marks of mission criteria, so that we can meet a wide range of priorities: St Augustine's School, Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work, St Peter and St James's Hospice, Practical Action, Open Doors, Wheels for the World, Off the Fence, Haven Trust, Care for Veterans, Safe in Sussex, Raystede Animal Shelter, The Children's Society and The Royal British Legion. In a tight financial climate the monetary contributions made were following a mission focussed programme during Lent and via the eco table in the church annexe and half the Anchor Coffee Shop proceeds.
16. Our churchwardens and fabric team maintain the physical assets in the care of the PCC; the PCC is confident that all resources used contribute to the common good.
17. Where maintenance work to church assets is required, which is beyond the safe ability of volunteers to undertake, the PCC uses monies from grants, the fabric fund and special appeals to employ appropriate contractors under the professional control of the retained architect to carry out the required works.
18. During 2024 there were 5 baptisms of children, 4 confirmations, 5 funerals and 4 interments of ashes in the Memorial Garden.
19. St Augustine's Church is registered with the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals as an animal friendly church. We aim to promote a compassionate attitude towards all God's creation and are very proud to be part of this important initiative. Working alongside the eco team we believe we are helping God's creation. The pet memorial in the front garden of the church, where bereaved owners can write their pet's name on a pebble and place it in the garden, continues to be well-used by the local community. In addition, our Animal Chaplain has met and prayed with owners and supported them in the loss of their pet.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### ***Reserves Policy***

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds (excluding property) which equates to at least two months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen situations. This position has been sustained.

It is PCC policy to invest fund balances with the CBF Church of England deposit fund operated by CCLA Investment Managers Limited.

### ***Risk Assessment Policy***

Part of the on-going role of the PCC is to monitor the major risks to which the church is exposed, in particular those related to buildings and finance. Risks are formally reviewed on a regular basis by the PCC.

### ***Principal Funding***

The total receipts for 2024 on general unrestricted funds were **£79,861** and are detailed in the Financial Statements.

The largest unrestricted expenditure of the PCC is the parish contribution and this is paid to the diocese. This amount covers the housing, stipend and pension costs of the priest, a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds. It is important to note that nearly 80% of the total paid relates directly to the costs of this parish. The parish continues to meet 100% of allocated costs. Church insurance is paid directly to Ecclesiastical Insurance Services by the PCC.

### ***PCC Members' Responsibilities***

The PCC members are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law requires the PCC members to prepare financial statements, for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of its financial activities for that period.

In preparing those financial statements the PCC members are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a 'going concern' basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the activities of the church will continue.

The PCC members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the church and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the current Church Accounting Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

  
**Kevin Deal**  
Chair/Churchwarden

**Sheila Maidment**  
Churchwarden





## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Augustine's Church, Scaynes Hill**

I report on the financial statements of the PCC of St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

### ***Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner***

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

### ***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 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### ***Independent examiner's statement***

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Signed B. D. Jacobs

Date 4 April 2025

**St Augustines Church, Scaynes Hill - 1131423**  
**Receipts and payments**  
**Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

<i>Note</i>	<i>From To</i>	<b>01 January 2024 31 December 2024</b>	<b>01 January 2023 31 December 2023</b>
<b>General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
Gift aid giving		44,838	45,762
Envelope scheme		1,614	1,205
Church collections		2,171	1,221
Other Donations		4,834	5,185
Charity Collections		—	1,221
Income tax recovered		12,673	12,361
Grants received		1,750	9,356
	<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	<b>67,882</b>	<b>76,313</b>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>			
Church magazine-adverts		670	800
Tapestry and Cards		211	47
Fund raising		1,310	2,192
Music exams		1,200	1,440
	<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	<b>3,391</b>	<b>4,479</b>
<i>Investment income</i>			
Interest received		2,152	1,957
	<i>Total Investment income</i>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>1,957</b>
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
Other Events		1,380	1,921
Fees - weddings etc		2,502	3,969
Church magazine-sales		827	825
Anchor Cafe sales		1,723	2,247
	<i>Total Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>	<b>6,434</b>	<b>8,963</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>79,861</b>	<b>91,714</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
<i>Charitable activities</i>			
Parish Contribution		52,557	51,186
Church Expenses		2,748	3,609
Clergy Expenses		1,970	2,762
Organist & Church music		856	1,380
Magazine printing & Expenses		2,245	2,190
Clock, Organ & Garden Maintenance		2,183	2,730
Printing, Stationery, Gifts & Sundry		591	804
Utilities		6,548	8,578
Mission & Outreach costs		—	328
Other costs		934	908
Publicity		133	123
Insurance		1,607	1,450
Admin salary		9,459	9,496
Fees to Diocese re weddings, funerals		2,065	1,444
Charity Collections		565	2,224
	<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	<b>84,466</b>	<b>89,218</b>

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<i>Note</i>	<b>From To</b>	<b>01 January 2024 31 December 2024</b>	<b>01 January 2023 31 December 2023</b>
Governance costs			
Indendent Examiners fees		—	864
	<i>Total Governance costs</i>	—	864
Other resources used			
Mission & Charitable Giving		—	593
	<i>Total Other resources used</i>	—	593
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>84,466</b>	<b>90,675</b>
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		(4,605)	1,038
Transfers to/(from)		(1,115)	(30)
Brought forward balance		58,452	57,444
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>52,732</b>	<b>58,452</b>
<b>Fabric - Fabric Fund (Restricted) Fund</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
Income tax recovered		75	5,936
Grants received		3,634	16,250
	<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	3,709	22,186
<i>Investment income</i>			
Interest received		1,273	1,529
	<i>Total Investment income</i>	1,273	1,529
Other incoming resources			
Capital appeal donations		300	49,434
	<i>Total Other Incoming resources</i>	300	49,434
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>5,282</b>	<b>73,149</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Charitable activities			
Church & Annexe repairs		932	4,134
Other costs		100	1,093
Professional fees		1,120	1,944
Fabric repairs		9,575	58,051
	<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	11,728	65,223
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>11,728</b>	<b>65,223</b>
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		(6,446)	7,926
Brought forward balance		40,353	32,427
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>33,907</b>	<b>40,353</b>

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Note	From To	01 January 2024 31 December 2024	01 January 2023 31 December 2023
<b>Hardship - Hardship fund (Restricted) Fund</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
Other Donations		25	240
	<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	25	240
<i>Investment income</i>			
Interest received		13	—
	<i>Total Investment income</i>	13	—
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Charitable activities			
Charity Collections		457	1,040
	<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	457	1,040
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>457</b>	<b>1,040</b>
	Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(419)	(800)
	Brought forward balance	768	1,568
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>348</b>	<b>768</b>
<b>Mission - Mission fund (Restricted) Fund</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
Gift aid giving		25	—
Other Donations		2,080	—
Charity Collections		1,221	—
Income tax recovered		694	—
	<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	4,002	—
<i>Investment income</i>			
Interest received		80	—
	<i>Total Investment income</i>	80	—
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
Anchor Cafe sales		895	—
	<i>Total Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>	895	—
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>4,977</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Charitable activities			
Mission & Outreach costs		318	—
	<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	318	—
Other resources used			
Mission & Charitable Giving		3,656	—
	<i>Total Other resources used</i>	3,656	—
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>3,974</b>	<b>—</b>

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Note	From To	01 January 2024 31 December 2024	01 January 2023 31 December 2023
		1,003	—
		1,115	—
		0	0
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>2,119</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Thankyou - Thank you fund (Restricted) Fund</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
Charity Collections		8,800	—
Income tax recovered		1,962	—
	<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	<i>10,562</i>	<i>—</i>
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>10,562</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Charitable activities			
Charity Collections		10,562	—
	<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	<i>10,562</i>	<i>—</i>
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>10,562</b>	<b>—</b>
		0	—
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Capital - Capital Appeal Fund (Restricted) Fund</b>			
		0	0
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bible - Bible Fund (Restricted) Fund</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
Other Donations		978	150
	<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	<i>978</i>	<i>150</i>
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>978</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Charitable activities			
Church Expenses		52	—
Bibles		263	363
	<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	<i>315</i>	<i>363</i>
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>315</b>	<b>363</b>
		663	(213)
		—	30
		397	581
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>1,060</b>	<b>397</b>

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**St Augustines Church, Scaynes Hill - 1131423**

**Balance sheet (Summary)  
As at: 31 December 2024**

	As at 31/12/2024 £	As at 31/12/2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	1,140	1,140
	<u>1,140</u>	<u>1,140</u>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Investments	52,593	52,593
Cash at bank and in hand	36,435	46,241
	<u>89,028</u>	<u>98,834</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	—	—
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>	<u>89,028</u>	<u>98,834</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<u>90,168</u>	<u>99,974</u>
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	<u>90,168</u>	<u>99,974</u>
<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
Unrestricted - General fund	52,732	58,452
<b>Designated</b>		
Designated - Fabric Fund	—	—
<b>Restricted</b>		
Restricted - Fabric Fund	33,907	40,353
Restricted - Hardship fund	348	768
Restricted - Mission fund	2,119	0
Restricted - Thank you fund	0	—
Restricted - Capital Appeal Fund	0	0
Restricted - Bible Fund	1,060	397
<b>Endowment</b>		
Endowment - Fabric Fund	—	—
<b>Funds of the church</b>	<u>90,168</u>	<u>99,974</u>

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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and signed on their behalf, by:

  
**Kevin Deal** – Chair

  
**Mike Harding** – Chair, Finance Committee

## **Notes**

### **1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

### **1.2 Income**

Donations and other income are recognised when received by the charity.

### **1.3 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred and allocated to the appropriate cost centre. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT.

## **2. Restricted Funds**

The Bible Fund was established from donations from parishioners for the provision of bibles to local school children.

The Fabric Fund was established to be used for the maintenance of the church buildings.

The Thank You fund was a specific collection which was made to assist members of the congregation who were experiencing financial difficulties due to serious illness.

The Mission Fund was established to collect monies to donate to our church missions. These missions include: St Augustine's CEP School, Family Support Work, St Peter and St James' Hospice, The Haven Trust, Wheels for the World, Practical Action, Safe in Sussex, Care for Veterans and Open Doors. Fundraising includes all Lent collections, a proportion of coffee shop receipts and money donated to the church's eco table.

## **3. Hardship Fund**

The Hardship fund was established in 2022 and collects donations for assisting local people struggling with the cost of living.

## **4. Market Value of Investments**

The market value of the parishes investments with CCLA at 31.12.24 was £92,720 (2023 was £90,645).

