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### Who we are

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity, registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales since August 2009. The registered name of the charity is the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Edward the Confessor, Dringhouses, York but it is widely known as St Edward the Confessor, just St Edward's or Dringhouses Church. In this annual report and accounts we will refer to ourselves as St Edward's or the church.

The church is situated on Tadcaster Road, Dringhouses, York and is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England.

Our Charity Commission for England and Wales registration number is 1131430.

Our address is Tadcaster Road, York, YO24 1QG

### Our objectives

Our objective is to promote within the parish the whole mission of the wider Church of England, pastoral, social and ecumenical.

What this means in practice is set out in our vision, that we are:

- **Called** - it is God who takes the initiative. God has made this world and loves us beyond measure. The story of God is the story of His constant longing to draw His precious creation back to Himself so that we might flourish in all that we have been created to be, and that we might live well with God and with others.
- **Caring** - in his first letter in the Bible, John reminds his readers that 'we love because He first loved us'. As those who are cared for by God, we are called to care for others and for the precious Creation in which we live.
- **Committed** - we are all on a journey in our faith and thus seek to develop and deepen our faith. We are committed to be people for whom our love of God really does shape our priorities in how we live day to day.
- **Courageous** - we are called to be those who make a difference in a world that might not understand our faith, and to make the love of God visible to all around us. We seek to be people who have the courage to make an even

greater difference in our communities, joining with God in bringing hope, transformation and new life.

We are also responsible for the maintenance of the church of St Edward the Confessor, the community hall and surrounding grounds.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent, the PCC and the congregation have considered the public benefit guidelines issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

As set out in the section on activities below, all of our services and activities are open to all. Our activities are developed with the needs of different groups in mind, so we are accessible by all.

### Activities

2023 had been an *annus horribilis* for St Edward's and so we greeted 2024 with a hope for healing and restoration, and indeed throughout the year we saw a number of 'green shoots', though it was acknowledged that challenges remained.

### Church services

The initial green shoots have been seen in the arrival of a number of new faces in our church community. Recent experiences meant that we have increasingly been a place of welcome for those also in search of healing and wholeness. As a church, the provision of worship is a key activity that allows the congregation to express their faith in God and continue to understand what His calling means for us.

Our services are open to all, and we try to make suitable provisions for those with additional needs. Our building is wheelchair accessible, and a hearing loop is installed. However, we are continuing to explore what it really means to be a place of welcome.

There are communion services at 8.30am and 10.00am on Sundays and 10.00am Thursdays. We hold an All-Age Service and a 6.30pm Service of Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing on the first Sunday of each month. We livestream our 10am service each week to enable those who are unable to make it to the church building to continue to be part of the worshipping congregation. Those joining the livestream as it happens, tend to be between 10-20 screens following the

service, and by the end of the week the number of views will tend to be somewhere between 60 and 85 views. Tea and coffee are served after our Sunday 10am and Thursday morning services. This social time together being as important for many as the service. A new initiative towards the close of the year has been to serve tea and toast at the start of the third Sunday of the month as an additional social occasion. This is very much in its infancy but has been very well received thus far.

On the first Sunday, our All-Age service is enhanced by a band, and this regularly has 10-14 musicians supporting our worship. Our music director writes arrangements for trumpets, violins, clarinets, oboes and guitars. Our Youth Group has a weekly meeting, continuing during school holidays, and regularly attracts between 8-12 teenagers. A number of these do not attend church services.

We have our own 'branded' service booklets which include Eucharist A, E, H and for 'special' services such as Lent, Easter and Advent.

The electoral roll by 31 December 2024 stood at 214 people (218 in 2023). The average attendance varies by service, but 10am Holy Communion services is usually between 70 to 90, though fewer attend the All-Age Service.

### **Special occasions**

The church year is marked by many special occasions.

During Lent, we ran a course which followed material from the Diocese of Exeter "Surprised by Generosity" Lent Course, which aimed to consider all aspects of generosity ranging from the Gift of God to the Rich Young Ruler and the Power of the Cross.

The Easter All-Age Service combined celebration with fun and balloons!

July proved to be a very busy month starting with a service at St Edward's in Celebration of 30 Years of women's ordination. St Edward's has been blessed over the years with a number of women who were/are curates, associates and had permission to officiate, including Revd Sheila Fletcher who was one of the first women ordained at York Minster in 1994. We were delighted to invite back

the Revd. Canon Dr Daphne Green as preacher, 'on loan' from her own church, Holy Trinity Church, Geneva.

Billed as 'A Weekend Like No Other', the biennial Parish Weekend Away at Wydale Hall took place in July. Numbers were up from the previous weekend in 2022 with almost 70 people spending some time at the Hall over the weekend. Unfortunately, the guest speaker had to withdraw just before the weekend, and so our Vicar, Richard, stepped into the breach putting together a programme focussing on how we share our faith. Richard took us through three thoughtful sessions exploring aspects of our spiritual lives and possible ways to take the church out to the world rather than waiting for the world to come to us. These sessions were on the themes of Telling People about Jesus, Confronting Evil and being Ambassadors of Healing. To make these sessions come alive, three brave souls had agreed to give a testimony on one theme each, which we found a powerful reinforcement of what it means to be a Christian in a secular world. There was also a chance to learn some new songs for worship. The under 18's had their own teaching programme but joined in with the ice breaking sessions, the activities and the Big Quiz. And of course there was food, fun and friendship. The weekend concluded with a Holy Communion Service with an element held outside around a brazier.

Following on from last year's change in format, Holiday Club ran over 3 days from 10.00am to 2.00pm. However, a new departure was to have the All-Age Service at the start of the week, rather than at the end, by way of introduction. A number of new families came to the launch. Holiday Club started on the Monday, staffed by a large army of volunteers – ranging from 18-88. This year's theme was Xpedition Force, which involved Dr Evans trying to train two hapless archaeologists called Chip and Rocky. These three young people entertained and engaged 45 primary school children with their antics, jokes, games and interviews with Biblical characters. Each day, there was a Biblical story, and everyone seemed to love the theme song, 'Be strong and courageous.' Throughout the week, something was hatching and the last day the appearance of the Sallysaurus had the children absolutely ecstatic. One declared it was 'the best day of her life.' Another departure from tradition, was that the young people involved as leaders had a BBQ and overnight sleepover in the Community Hall with their own individual tents provided by the scouts. Holiday Club remains free, but donations were encouraged! It was a tremendous success, in part due

to the energy and enthusiasm of the young leaders who acted as vital helpers. The vast majority of the children were not those who attend regular worship.

Choral Evensong was held one warm evening in August, and it was a delight to hear more formal worship sung with great joy.

During the Autumn, a team led an Alpha Course for adults. The format including sharing a meal together, provided by various volunteers, and an opportunity to explore the big questions of the Christian faith. The youth group followed a parallel course for under 18's. A reunion is being planned!

The end of October marked our Memorial Service where people from around the community are invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one. This is open to anyone to attend, and if people so wish, the name of a loved one can be read out during the service. In 2024 we once more said 'goodbye' to many dear members of our congregation, and there were over 100 people in attendance. This was followed by in November by a Remembrance Day service which the scouts attend in force. Wreaths and crosses were laid at the War Memorial in honour of those who served and died in conflicts around the world .

Remembrance turned to celebration, as a very full Christmas programme started with the All-Age Advent service. The season included a Dress-Up Nativity on Sunday morning and the Candlelit Carol service in the evening. This gave us all the opportunity to see the new lights in action – and they did not disappoint. The church was packed, almost to capacity, as we heard again the familiar story of salvation afresh. The extended choir sang beautifully, and the anthems were particularly moving. The service was livestreamed, and as the issues of sound are still unresolved, the service was recorded separately and later over-dubbed. In all there have been more than 170 views. In fact, December saw our YouTube channel exceed 37,000 views since streaming started with the pandemic.

On Christmas Eve, the Crib Service was packed, with the children invited to dress up as a character from the nativity and form a tableau around the crib. Children and young people from aged 6 to 17 read the lessons. The service concluded with a spectacular light show that certainly created some awe and wonder. Our Youth Worker, Helen's version of the Twelve Days of Christmas had yet another outing

and as the refrain of '...and a baby in a manger' faded, chocolates were shared and happy faces headed out for Christmas.

Later that evening, 73 people attended the Midnight Communion Service and greeted Christmas morning together. The Christmas Day service was as ever a joyful occasion.

### **Serving the Community**

Continuing with Christmas, there was singing around the parish as church members invited their neighbours to share in the carols. This attracted more than 200 people across the various venues. The church music band supported carol singing at Café Number 12 and outside Ged Bell's. The latter again attracted over 200 people. The choir also went to Wilberforce House to bring some Christmas cheer to the residents.

In a wider context, the use of our facilities continue to be an important part of our identity as a community gathering space, and we continue to see a full programme of activities by the hirers of our Community Hall and other spaces.

These 'spaces' have had a number of enhancements over the year. Firstly, in January, we appointed a part-time caretaker, Mike Hewitt, to look after and maintain our premises. Mike brought with him many practical skills as well as an excellent understanding of issues around health and safety. Initially his contract was for a year, but the PCC approved his appointment as permanent in September 2024.

The Vestry Kitchen saw the removal of the rather stained carpet and a new laminate floor laid in its place. The old work surface which had suffered significant water damage was also replaced. The Meeting Room was redecorated, and a new Archive cupboard was fitted in memory of June Fawcett. Outside, new steps were made up to the War Memorial making it more accessible. However, the most significant works were the replacement (finally) of the lights in the church. The old halogens were removed and replaced with new LED that operate on a Bluetooth system. This enables a number of different light settings to enhance worship and welcome. The overall effect is stunning. However, none of these improvements could have happened without the generosity of individuals in the church and hard work of volunteers – not least Louise Robinson and her team who raised the majority of funds for the lights by provision of various lunches and dinners to the community. Our Friday lunches

are now twice a month but continue to attract up to 40 people each time. There are also. 'specials' such as Valentine's Day, Easter Sunday, Yorkshire Day, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas lunch plus others. These lunches are greatly valued by those who attend.

Our Community Café is open every weekday offering a range of hot drinks and cakes, and the prices have remained the same since 2016! All of our visiting groups avail themselves of the service, and the quality of the donated home-made cakes is greatly appreciated. A Happy Hour session continues to run on Tuesday mornings, alongside which runs a free community exercise class which now attracts about a dozen people a week. The distribution of food from a local Pret A Manger outlet takes place each Wednesday evening and continues to be well supported and valued. Thanks must go to our Local Area Coordinator for putting us in touch with families in need.

One aspect of our Christian life together is sharing our resources with others, and to this end St Edward's continues to support a number of charities through both giving and prayer. At the close of the year, 10 more charities which comprise a mix of local, national and international, were agreed by the PCC to receive funds for the next three years namely: A Rocha, Brunswick Nurseries, Centre for the Study of Muslim-Christian Relations, Dringhouses Scouts, Friends of Grahamstown and District Development, Friends of the Holy Land, Goodricke Appeal Fund, The Railway Children, USPG including supporting a medical programme in Bangladesh, and YoYo. In addition, the Vicar's Discretionary Fund helps to support those in need locally. In terms of other charity work, this year saw Great Big Green Week where various items were recycled for the Alzheimer's Society, the continuation of collections for the Foodbank and Carecent plus the return of the Besom hampers. More than 15 were delivered to families around York and Bridget Burgess did a wonderful job collating the hampers and making them look so beautiful.

Many of the happiest times are seeing members of our community join together in special events such as a wine tasting held in May. A local business, Yorvine hosted the evening with a mix of viniculture education alongside the tasting of several wines. All funds raised were for the benefit of St Edward's. Over the year there were a number of musical events from the talented Shepherd's Brass Band

through to students from the University of York delighting with a beautiful repertoire.

In March 2020, the church was part of an initiative called 'Come and See'. The weekend was very successful – but little did we know it was to be one of the last times we were to meet before lockdown. In October, we ran another 'Come and See' which was equally well supported. There were a range of activities from music, felting, craft, bouncy castles, a history talk and food – to name but a few. It was an opportunity to invite the local community into the church and will undoubtedly be repeated.

### **Structure, governance and management**

As a Church of England church, we are registered as a charity under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules.

We are an unincorporated charity led by the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

During the year 2024 the following people served as members of the PCC and, therefore, trustees of the charity:

#### **Ex- Officio members**

Incumbent (vicar)	The Revd Canon Richard Carew (Chair)
Assistant curate	The Revd Angela Morrison
Treasurer	Helen Dobson (In attendance, not a Trustee)

#### **Elected members:**

Elected church wardens	Michael Trew and Helen Wren
Readers' representative	Charles Anelay
Representatives on the Deanery Synod	Helen Wren and Linda Sykes
PCC members until May 2024	James Cooper (re-elected until May 2027), Christine Hanby, Cai Mallett, Julie Shepard
PCC members until May 2025	Stephen Connor, Helen Dawe, Debbie Paterson
PCC member until 2026	Louise Robinson
PCC members until 2027	Alec Cartwright and James Cooper

Members of the PCC are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held in May, this year held in person but with postal votes allowed as well. Generally, they are elected for a three-year term. The Church Wardens are elected annually.

Those standing for election have to be confirmed in the Church of England and have been on our electoral roll for six months. They are nominated and seconded by other members of the congregation who also have to be on the electoral roll.

All new members of the PCC are given the Charity Commission guidance on being a trustee.

The PCC members and Church Wardens are encouraged to attend the training run by the Diocese of York.

All members have taken at least Level 1 of the Safeguarding Training, some having also taken the higher Levels.

The PCC is supported by the Secretary, Isobel Goforth, who is not a trustee but is elected each year.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer is Pat Wilson.

### **The team**

Challenges for our leadership have continued as our vicar, Revd Canon Richard Carew, adjusts to life as a single parent and our assistant curate, Revd Angela Morrison, continues to undergo treatment for cancer.

St Edward's is fortunate to have a small number of paid staff whose commitment, hard work and vision are fundamental to the growth and well-being of the church.

Helen Cross is our part time Children's and Youth Co-ordinator and Sally Gatus is our Children's Worker also on a part time basis.

Wendy Hewitt is our (almost) full time Parish Administrator and Louise Walton our part time Administrator. We now have a part-time caretaker, Mike Hewitt, whose contract is Monday to Friday from 8am to 12.30pm.

We also have a contract for the provision of services with our Director of Music, Angela Anelay. She is supported by our Assistant Choir Leader, Mel Burr.

### **Volunteers**

St Edward's is blessed with many volunteers helping and supporting in every aspect of church life. A number have undertaken training in order to maintain skills and ensure the church is a safe and secure environment for those who are on the premises for whatever reason.

All members of the PCC have undertaken online Safeguarding training, with the Vicar, Youth Worker and a Churchwarden undertaking the safeguarding leadership course. Several volunteers who support the café and lunches attended training by the Food Safety Hub and received certificates in Food Hygiene. Likewise several volunteers attended First Aid training and received certificates in First Aid Awareness.

### **PCC and its sub committees**

The PCC meets every two months throughout the year to discuss the activities of the church and make decisions about the work of the church.

Much of the detailed work of the parish is discussed by the various sub-committees that meet between PCC meetings as required. These committees make decisions in accordance with their terms of reference that are reviewed and agreed by the PCC annually. Membership of the sub-committees is not confined to PCC members so we can make best use of the skills and talents of the wider congregation.

Minutes of all the committee meetings throughout the year are available for inspection in the parish office.

PCC members from a variety of backgrounds bring expertise and enthusiasm to the committee and the church is very grateful for their contribution.

### **Standing Committee**

Meets to set the agenda for the PCC meetings and, if necessary, to make decisions on behalf of the PCC.

Chair: Richard Carew

Charles Anelay, Debbie Paterson, Michael Trew and Helen Wren

### **Finance committee**

The expertise of this committee enables oversight and budgeting of the church finances. This committee has met frequently to understand the impact of the

increasing cost base on the financial position and the reserves and to consider what action needs to be taken as a result.

Chair: Debbie Paterson

Members: Richard Carew, Jim Cooper, Helen Dobson (Treasurer), Kate Lamb, Andrew Smith, David Tooley, Keith Wells, Bob Wilson and Helen Wren.

#### **Premises committee**

Maintenance of the church, hall, garden and car park is managed by this committee and as ever, as can be seen in this report, it has been a busy year.

Chair: Louise Robinson

Members: Christine Hanby, George Jardine, Richard Carew, Pete Lambert, Michael Trew and Helen Wren

#### **Communications committee**

The Porch magazine, the website and social media are overseen by this committee, as are other communication initiatives. The printed version of The Porch has a circulation of about 178 households, delivered by a local band of volunteers. The online version is available free of charge, though donations are invited. There are 17 regular advertisers who help to fund the printing cost. The price of the magazine has remained at 80p per copy but will be increased to £1 in 2025.

The Porch Editorial Team : Ian Addyman, Richard Carew, Helen Wren, Linda Sykes. The proofreader is Wendy Thompson, the Adverts Manager is Isobel Goforth and the Distribution Manager is Anne Brabbs.

Helen Cross looks after social media such as Facebook and Weborchard manage the website.

Others on the committee are Louise Robinson and Jim Cooper.

#### **HR Committee**

The HR committee oversees appointments, contracts, salaries and various employment related policies.

Members: Richard Carew, Hilary Delamere, Debbie Paterson and Helen Wren.

#### **Professional services**

The PCC engages with the following organisations for banking and professional services.

Bank: Lloyds Bank, 2 Pavement, York, YO1 9UP

Church architect: Louise Priestman BA(Hons) MA March RIBA IHBC AABC, Shaw and Jaggar Architects, 1 Cardale Park, Beckwith Head Road, Harrogate, HG3 1RG

Independent examiner: Judith Summerfield BA FCA, 5 Bowyers Close, Copmanthorpe, York, YO23 3XW

#### **Financial review**

Total normal incoming resources on unrestricted funds were £234,625 (2023: £205,874) as detailed in the financial statements. In addition to the internal lighting project, a number of smaller maintenance and refurbishment works have been carried out which have been generously funded by personal gifts. As a result, one off giving and gift aid has increased in the year.

Other planned giving has increased compared to the previous year which is very encouraging in the current financial climate and income from hall hires has been recovering and is back to pre-pandemic levels.

Expenditure from unrestricted funds totalled £222,440 (2023: £238,787). After transfers, there was a small surplus in the general church fund of £2,308 in the year. The budget for 2024 anticipated a deficit of circa £43,000 on the general fund so this small surplus is a tremendous result. The budget for 2025 is also predicting an in-year deficit of circa £33,000. This will be covered by the legacy but the PCC are still actively discussing the financial strategy for the next few years.

Charitable donations have amounted to 10% (10% in 2023) of the preceding year's regular giving, see note 7 to the accounts for those organisations we have supported this year. This is the first year of a new three year award programme. An allocation was again made to the vicar's discretionary fund.

New lighting has been placed inside the church which has been funded from monies raised and held in the Events Fund. This project is almost complete and final tidying up will finish early 2025.



The Quinquennial Inspection took place late 2024 with the results presented to PCC in January 2025. Capital spend is outwith the current 2025 operating budget and will be subject to separate discussion vis a vis funding.

**Freewill offering**

The freewill offering to the Diocese for 2024 was £90,000 (2023: £105,000), the PCC has pledged £93,000 for 2025.

**Reserves policy**

The PCC determined a policy to maintain a balance on the unrestricted funds' readily realisable reserves (the general fund), where possible, which equates to four months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that might arise from time to time – what might be termed 'acts of God'. Based on 2024 expenditure our general fund reserve should be in the region of £73,000 (2023: £79,000), a third of unrestricted expenditure for the year. The PCC reduced the Freewill offer for 2024 to £90,000 from £105,000 as part of measures designed to redress the operating costs for the year. The reserves on the general fund have been depleted. The deficit balance of £(1,522) (2023: (£3,830)) on the unrestricted general fund at the year-end are being covered by the legacy fund.

As previously stated, the PCC is actively discussing our financial strategy. This includes clear communication of the financial position to the congregation and wider community.

The reserves policy was reviewed when setting the budget for 2023, and a three-month reserve was mooted. A three-month reserve based on 2024 expenditure would equate to £55,000. The ongoing financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and our spending decisions vis a vis staff and freewill offer have been absorbed by reserves during 2020 to 2023. The reserves policy will be kept under review during 2025. The budget for 2025 assumes 'business as usual' with the legacy as our reserve backstop.

Approved by the PCC on 18 March and signed on its behalf by

The Rev'd Canon Richard Carew (Vicar)

Helen Wren (Church Warden)

Date

## Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the period.

	Note	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Capital funds		Total funds	
		2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>									
Donations and legacies	2-4	170,417	156,445	22,102	54,055			192,519	210,500
Other trading activities	2-4	6,054	5,813	-	-	-	-	6,054	5,813
Income from investments	2-4	6,886	1,691	-	-	-	-	6,886	1,691
Church activities	2-4	48,342	40,274	3,557	3,930	-	-	51,899	44,204
Other incoming resources	2-4	2,926	1,651	182	278	-	-	3,108	1,929
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>234,625</b>	<b>205,874</b>	<b>25,841</b>	<b>58,263</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>260,466</b>	<b>264,137</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>									
Raising funds	2-5	(3,087)	(1,035)	-	-	-	-	(3,087)	(1,035)
Charitable activities	2-5	(218,403)	(237,272)	(27,974)	(23,901)	(39,286)	(32,542)	(285,663)	(293,715)
Other	2-5	(950)	(480)	-	-	-	-	(950)	(480)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>(222,440)</b>	<b>(238,787)</b>	<b>(27,974)</b>	<b>(23,901)</b>	<b>(39,286)</b>	<b>(32,542)</b>	<b>(289,700)</b>	<b>(295,230)</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		<b>12,185</b>	<b>(32,913)</b>	<b>(2,133)</b>	<b>34,362</b>	<b>(39,286)</b>	<b>(32,542)</b>	<b>(29,234)</b>	<b>(31,093)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	2-5	(5,597)	(7,427)	(16,396)	-	21,993	7,427	-	-
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>		<b>6,588</b>	<b>(40,340)</b>	<b>(18,529)</b>	<b>34,362</b>	<b>(17,293)</b>	<b>(25,115)</b>	<b>(29,234)</b>	<b>(31,093)</b>
<b>Balance of funds at 1 January 2024</b>		176,151	216,491	71,474	37,112	702,207	727,322	949,832	980,925
<b>Balance of funds at 31 December 2024</b>		<b>182,739</b>	<b>176,151</b>	<b>52,945</b>	<b>71,474</b>	<b>684,914</b>	<b>702,207</b>	<b>920,598</b>	<b>949,832</b>

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these accounts.

## Balance sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
<b>Tangible Fixed Assets</b>			
Building (community hall)	6	650,978	679,281
Furniture & equipment	6	33,936	22,926
		<b>684,914</b>	<b>702,207</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	12	13,723	9,080
Cash at bank and in hand		241,683	244,947
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>255,406</b>	<b>254,027</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors due within one year	13	(19,722)	(6,402)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>235,684</b>	<b>247,625</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>920,598</b>	<b>949,832</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Unrestricted funds	14	182,739	176,151
Restricted funds	14	52,945	71,474
Capital funds	14	684,914	702,207
		<b>920,598</b>	<b>949,832</b>

These financial statements were approved by the PCC on 18 March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

**Richard Carew**  
Vicar

**Helen Dobson**  
Treasurer

## Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Reconciliation of net outgoing resources to net cashflow from operating activities</b>			
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		(29,234)	(31,093)
Net investment income		(6,886)	(1,691)
Depreciation charge	6	39,286	32,542
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	12	(4,643)	2,308
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	13	13,320	593
Increase/(decrease) in long term creditors	13	-	-
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>		<b>11,843</b>	<b>2,659</b>
<b>Cash flow Statement</b>			
Net cash in/(out)flow from operating activities		11,843	2,659
Return on investments		6,886	1,691
Capital expenditure – additions		(21,993)	(7,427)
<b>Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year</b>		<b>(3,264)</b>	<b>(3,077)</b>

## Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year	(3,264)	(3,077)
Net cash at start of year	244,947	248,024
<b>Net cash at end of year</b>	<b>241,683</b>	<b>244,947</b>

## Notes to the accounts

### 1. Accounting policies

#### Accounting convention and basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the accruals basis. The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP) FRS 102 rather than the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets which are shown at market value.

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 main affiliation to another body (for example the Scouts and Brownies) nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

#### Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable and interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Donated assets and services are not accounted for. Gifts of tangible assets are used or distributed as appropriate.

#### Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over or awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan freewill

offering is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and accounted for gross.

#### Funds of the Charity

The various funds of the charity are accounted for as follows:

*Restricted funds* represent income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; and donations and 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 each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

The PCC does not invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average basis.

*Unrestricted funds* are general funds which are expendable at the discretion of the PCC for general purposes. Unrestricted funds earmarked for particular purposes by the trustees are designated as separate funds.

In the opinion of the trustees sufficient resources are held in an appropriate form for each fund to be applied in accordance with any restrictions imposed upon it.

*Capital funds* represent the PCC's investment in fixed assets. Transfers are made from the unrestricted funds in respect of depreciation and asset purchases and disposals.

#### Fixed asset investments

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by section 10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Fixed assets are not capitalised if they are below a value of £100.

Furniture and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis at 25% per annum. Community Hall fittings and the car park are depreciated at 10% per annum on a straight-line basis. The solar panels are depreciated at 5% per annum.

Expenditure for building works on the community hall re-development is shown at cost inclusive of professional fees and VAT. The hall is depreciated at 3% per annum on a straight -line basis.

**Basic financial assets**

Debtors are amounts owed to the charity. They are measured on the basis of the recoverable amount.

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held on call with banks and other short term investments that mature within three months or less.

**Basic financial liabilities**

Creditors are amounts owed by the charity for goods and services received during the course of operations from suppliers. They are measured at the amount that the charity expects to pay to settle the debt – usually transaction price.

Amounts owed for more than a year are shown as long term creditors.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual arrangements expire, are discharged or cancelled.

## 2 Unrestricted Funds: Income and endowments

	Church general fund		Clergy discretionary		Legacy		Total funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Donations and legacies</b>								
Planned giving								
- Gift aided	116,393	105,499	-	-	-	-	116,393	105,499
- Tax refunds	28,987	26,297	-	-	-	-	28,987	26,297
- One off and other including legacies	14,436	18,144	580	1,000	5,327	-	20,343	19,144
Collections	3,969	4,468	-	-	-	-	3,969	4,468
Grants received	725	1,037	-	-	-	-	725	1,037
	<b>164,510</b>	<b>155,445</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>5,327</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>170,417</b>	<b>156,445</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	<b>6,054</b>	<b>5,813</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,054</b>	<b>5,813</b>
<b>Income from investments</b>								
Bank interest	4,772	1,535	-	-	-	-	4,772	1,535
Solar panel feed in tariff	2,114	156	-	-	-	-	2,114	156
	<b>6,886</b>	<b>1,691</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,886</b>	<b>1,691</b>
<b>Church activities</b>								
Fees	3,849	8,009	-	-	-	-	3,849	8,009
Hall/extension lettings	26,324	24,952	-	-	-	-	26,324	24,952
Magazine/publication income	2,859	2,945	-	-	-	-	2,859	2,945
Other	15,310	4,368	-	-	-	-	15,310	4,368
	<b>48,342</b>	<b>40,274</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,342</b>	<b>40,274</b>
Other	2,926	1,651	-	-	-	-	2,926	1,651
<b>Total income</b>	<b>228,718</b>	<b>204,874</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>5,327</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>234,625</b>	<b>205,874</b>

### 3 Unrestricted Funds: Expenditure

	Church general fund		Clergy discretionary		Legacy		Total funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Resources expended</b>								
<b>Church activities</b>								
Mission giving	12,653	11,860	-	-	-	-	12,653	11,860
Freewill offering	90,000	105,000	-	-	-	-	90,000	105,000
Church services expenses	22,604	26,333	-	-	-	-	22,604	26,333
Premises	77,343	86,017	-	912	-	-	77,343	86,929
Support of church work	9,147	1,036	-	-	-	-	9,147	1,036
Youth activities	751	1,806	-	-	-	-	751	1,806
Printing costs	2,724	2,535	-	-	-	-	2,724	2,535
Other	581	573	2,600	1,200	-	-	3,181	1,773
	<b>215,803</b>	235,160	<b>2,600</b>	2,112	-	-	<b>218,403</b>	237,272
<b>Costs of generating voluntary income</b>	<b>3,087</b>	1,035	-	-	-	-	<b>3,087</b>	1,035
Accountancy	950	480	-	-	-	-	950	480
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>219,840</b>	236,675	<b>2,600</b>	2,112	-	-	<b>222,440</b>	238,787
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>	<b>8,878</b>	(31,801)	<b>(2,020)</b>	(1,112)	<b>5,327</b>	-	<b>12,185</b>	(32,913)
Transfer between funds	(6,570)	(8,910)	973	1,483	-	-	(5,597)	(7,427)
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>	<b>2,308</b>	(40,711)	<b>(1,047)</b>	371	<b>5,327</b>	-	<b>6,588</b>	(40,340)
Balance 1 January	(3,830)	36,881	3,981	3,610	176,000	176,000	176,151	216,491
<b>Balance 31 December</b>	<b>(1,522)</b>	(3,830)	<b>2,934</b>	3,981	<b>181,327</b>	176,000	<b>182,739</b>	176,151

The clergy discretionary fund is an amount set aside and transferred from the general fund for the incumbent to use as he wishes.

The legacy fund is the amount left to the church by the late Joan Rowland.

The cost of depreciation of fixed assets is transferred from the general fund to the capital fund each year to ensure that the capital fund reflects the net book value of fixed assets.



#### 4 Restricted Funds

	Events		Flowers		Charities		Choir		Youth		Total Funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary income</b>												
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,540	50,000	15,540	50,000
Gift aid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,885	2,000	3,885	2,000
Collections & Grants	2,677	-	-	-	-	2,055	-	-	-	-	2,677	2,055
<b>Total voluntary income</b>	<b>2,677</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>2,055</b>	-	-	<b>19,425</b>	<b>52,000</b>	<b>22,102</b>	<b>54,055</b>
<b>Church activities</b>												
Events	3,557	3,930	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,557	3,930
Other	90	234	-	-	-	44	-	-	92	-	182	278
<b>Total income</b>	<b>6,324</b>	<b>4,164</b>	-	-	-	<b>2,099</b>	-	-	<b>19,517</b>	<b>52,000</b>	<b>25,841</b>	<b>58,263</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>												
<b>Charitable activities</b>												
Youth activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,589	23,487	24,589	23,487
Repairs and maintenance	2,677	-	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,754	-
Other	-	-	-	188	409	-	-	-	-	-	409	188
Music	-	-	-	-	-	-	222	226	-	-	222	226
<b>Total expended on charitable activities</b>	<b>2,677</b>	-	<b>77</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>409</b>	-	<b>222</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>24,589</b>	<b>23,487</b>	<b>27,974</b>	<b>23,901</b>
<b>Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers</b>	<b>3,647</b>	<b>4,164</b>	<b>(77)</b>	<b>(188)</b>	<b>(409)</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>(222)</b>	<b>(226)</b>	<b>(5,072)</b>	<b>(28,513)</b>	<b>(2,133)</b>	<b>34,362</b>
Transfers between funds	(16,434)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	(16,396)	-
<b>Net incoming/outgoing resources</b>	<b>(12,787)</b>	<b>4,164</b>	<b>(77)</b>	<b>(188)</b>	<b>(409)</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>(222)</b>	<b>(226)</b>	<b>(5,034)</b>	<b>28,513</b>	<b>(18,529)</b>	<b>34,362</b>
Balance 1 January	27,682	23,518	157	345	2,099	-	(152)	74	41,688	13,175	71,474	37,112
<b>Balance 31 December</b>	<b>14,895</b>	<b>27,682</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>(374)</b>	<b>(152)</b>	<b>36,654</b>	<b>41,688</b>	<b>52,945</b>	<b>71,474</b>

The events fund shows monies raised by the events team which are used for a cause selected by that team and endorsed by the PCC. Since 2018, the monies raised have been retained to fund the internal lighting for the church. Much of the work to install the new lighting was undertaken in 2024, so funds were transferred from the events fund to the capital fund. This project will continue into 2025.

The flower fund was established in 2019 with money donated for flower arrangements in church.

The choir fund is the amount that the choir is paid for singing at weddings and funerals - this amount is transferred from the general fund when the service takes place. The choir use this money to buy additional music and resources for special events.

Some donations are given specifically for youth work and these donations are used to finance the Youth worker salaries and expenses.

## 5 Movement in capital funds

	Buildings		Furniture and equipment		Grounds		Total Funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Depreciation charges</b>								
- Fixtures and fittings	(28,303)	(28,303)	(1,993)	(862)	-	-	(30,296)	(29,165)
- Solar panels	-	-	(1,649)	(1,649)	-	-	(1,649)	(1,649)
- IT systems	-	-	(3,232)	(1,136)	-	-	(3,232)	(1,136)
- Equipment	-	-	(4,109)	(592)	-	-	(4,109)	(592)
<b>Total depreciation</b>	<b>(28,303)</b>	<b>(28,303)</b>	<b>(10,983)</b>	<b>(4,239)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(39,286)</b>	<b>(32,542)</b>
<b>Transfer from church fund for capital purposes</b>								
- Equipment	-	-	21,993	7,427			21,993	7,427
<b>Total transfer from church fund to capital fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,993</b>	<b>7,427</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,993</b>	<b>7,427</b>
Capital fund balance on 1 January	679,281	707,585	22,926	19,737	-	-	702,207	727,322
<b>Capital fund balance on 31 December</b>	<b>650,978</b>	<b>679,281</b>	<b>33,936</b>	<b>22,926</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>684,914</b>	<b>702,207</b>

## 6 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings		Furniture and equipment		Grounds		Total Funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Actual/deemed costs at 1 January	849,101	849,101	129,535	122,108	7,221	7,221	985,857	978,430
Additions	-	-	21,993	7,427	-	-	21,993	7,427
<b>Actual/deemed costs 31 December</b>	<b>849,101</b>	<b>849,101</b>	<b>151,528</b>	<b>129,535</b>	<b>7,221</b>	<b>7,221</b>	<b>1,007,850</b>	<b>985,857</b>
Accumulated depreciation at 1 January	169,820	141,517	106,609	102,370	7,221	7,221	283,650	251,108
Charged in year	28,303	28,303	10,983	4,239	-	-	39,286	32,542
<b>Accumulated depreciation at 31 December</b>	<b>198,123</b>	<b>169,820</b>	<b>117,592</b>	<b>106,609</b>	<b>7,221</b>	<b>7,221</b>	<b>322,936</b>	<b>283,650</b>
Net book value as at 1 January	679,281	707,585	22,926	19,737	-	-	702,207	727,322
<b>Net book value as at 31 December</b>	<b>650,978</b>	<b>679,281</b>	<b>33,936</b>	<b>22,926</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>684,914</b>	<b>702,207</b>

## 7 Grants to other organisations

	2024	2023
	£	£
A Rocha	973	-
Brunswick Nurseries	973	-
Centre for the Study of Muslim-Christian Relations		
CMCS at Oxford	973	
Friends of Grahamstown and District Dev (SA)	973	1,482
Dringhouses Scouts	973	-
Friends of the Holy Land	1,947	-
Goodricke Appeal Fund	973	-
York Schools and Youth Trust YOYO	1,947	1,482
The Railway Children	973	-
USPG	1,947	1,482

The PCC gives away a proportion of income each year to other charities. The charities are selected by a small working group every three years. This year, 2024, is the first year of the new 3 year cycle. The amount of money available, £13,626, has been split into 7 shares, some organisations have been allocated a half share. The table opposite shows the allocation to the chosen charities. A full share is £1,947 and a half share is £973. In 2023, which was the third year of the previous cycle, 8 organisations received a full share equivalent to £1,482. The organisations in receipt of this were: Accomplish Children's Trust (Uganda), Big Futures Foundation, Christians Against Poverty, Tariro UK Hope for Zimbabwe, Wydale and United Society. In addition, there is an allocation to the Vicar's Discretionary fund £973 in 2024 and £1,482 in 2023.

## 8 Remuneration of trustees

The incumbent, who is also a member of the PCC, is remunerated by the diocese. During the course of the year, the PCC has reimbursed curate's expenses of £nil (2023: £nil).

## 9 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Where members of the PCC have undertaken tasks on behalf of the PCC, expenses have been reimbursed where requested – this totalled £1,438.97 in the year mostly for items purchased to run the buildings.

PCC members donated £29,025 to the church in the year, excluding gift aid recoverable.

One of the members of the PCC holds a zero hours contract with the church for providing audio visual services at occasional weddings and funerals – these costs are recouped as part of the fee for the service.

In addition, these accounts include some transactions with local firms and individuals in which the trustees are involved. In the PCC's opinion, these transactions do not contain any significant element of profit.

Our Director of Music is remunerated under a contract for services, she is married to a member of the PCC but all declarations of interest are declared as appropriate.

The freewill offering is usually paid to the Diocese of York in twelve equal monthly instalments – we have paid the full amount we have pledged.

## 10 Staff costs

The incumbent and the assistant curate are office holders under Common Tenure. They are appointed and paid by the Diocese of York rather than the church they work at.

The PCC has employed two people during the year to cover youth provision on part-time contracts, an almost full time Office Administrator, a part-time Administrator, a part time caretaker and a part-time Assistant Choir Leader. Youth workers have been funded in full by specific donations. The average number of employees during the year was 6 (2023: 5). No employees received emoluments greater than £60,000.

In addition, the church employs some vergers, audio visual technicians and organists for weddings and funerals. They are employed on zero hours contracts and are not included in the numbers above. Total fees for organists, vergers and officiants were £967 (2023: £3,586) in the year.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	57,668	45,126
Social security	5,381	3,821
Pension costs	5,005	4,510
	<b>68,054</b>	<b>53,457</b>

## 11 Support costs

The amount that the charity spends on support costs includes the administrator's salary, costs of internet connection and computer systems. In 2024 support costs were £35,434 (2023: £34,905).

## 12 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sundry	1,227	595
Prepayments and accrued income	6,364	4,641
Tax Recoverable - gift aid	6,132	3,844
	<b>13,723</b>	<b>9,080</b>

## 13 Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Creditors due within 1 year</b>		
Creditors	1,125	830
Accruals	17,674	5,181
Deferred income	923	390
	<b>19,722</b>	<b>6,402</b>

## 14 Analysis of net assets by fund

As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted fund	Capital funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	684,914	-	<b>684,914</b>
Current assets	201,339	-	54,067	<b>255,406</b>
Current liabilities	(18,600)	-	(1,122)	<b>(19,722)</b>
	<b>182,739</b>	<b>684,914</b>	<b>52,945</b>	<b>920,598</b>

As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted fund	Capital funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	702,207	-	<b>702,207</b>
Current assets	182,261	-	71,766	<b>254,027</b>
Current liabilities	(6,110)	-	(292)	<b>(6,402)</b>
	<b>176,151</b>	<b>702,207</b>	<b>71,474</b>	<b>949,832</b>

## 15 Capital Commitments

The charity has capital commitments as at 31 December 2024 of £nil (2023: £nil). The PCC has agreed to some additional works to the internal lighting but these works had not been contracted at 31 December 2024.

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Edward the Confessor Parochial Church Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Edward the Confessor Parochial Church Council (the PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

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

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales.

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

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

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

Signed: Judith Summerfield BA FCA

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Date