

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST WILFRID'S, RIBCHESTER
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Charities Commission Reference N 1131599

PCC accounts 2024

Membership

Incumbent Reverend Canon Brian McConkey

Honorary Assistants

Priest Reverend Ann Jepson
 Reverend Ness Starkey

Wardens Alexandra Helena Anne Dugdale
 Mary Marsden
 Stephen Morris
 Sue Wildsmith

Deanery Synod Representative

Claire Davies

Alex Dugdale

Elected Members Claire Davies
 Sharron Edwards
 Lynn Finch
 Jean Hayes
 Jean Johnson
 Tim Rainford
 Peggy Ridge
 Peter Ridge (Verger & Sacristan)
 Ann Marie Ruddock
 Peter Ruddock
 Jim Tyrrell
 Elaine Watts

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Trustees' Report

Church attendance

There were 115 parishioners on the Electoral Roll at the year-end.

PCC Review of the Year.

Tim Rainford Treasurer

Results for the Year

When the most generous bequest from the Estate of Carol Milne is removed from these accounts the figure for the unrestricted funds indicate a loss, before the gain on investments, of £8663.00. This figure is, clearly, unsustainable and should give us all concern. Although our income continues to rise it is clear that this is outweighed by the rises in our expenditure and that this shortfall can only be met by an increase in our regular giving.

Claire Davies PCC Secretary

PCC Review of the Year for the APCM 2025

Over the last year, the PCC has met on 10 occasions including immediately after the 2024 APCM when officers were elected for the coming year. Tim Rainford was elected as the PCC Treasurer, Claire Davies as the PCC Secretary and Ann-Marie Ruddock was elected as the Electoral Roll Officer.

At the APCM there had been 4 vacancies for the PCC. Tim Rainford and Peter Ridge had completed their terms of office but were prepared to stand again and were re elected. Lynn Finch and Peter Ruddock had been co opted in February 2024 but were formally elected to the PCC at the APCM.

Mary Marsden, Steve Morris, Sue Wildsmith and Alex Dugdale had all completed a further term as Churchwardens but were prepared to stand for a further 12 months. All four were duly elected. Steve Morris has now completed his 6 years as a warden and will stand down at this year's APCM. Thanks to Steve for all his hard work as a warden which included being in position during covid.

Jean Hayes tendered her resignation from the PCC which was accepted at the January 2025 meeting. Thanks go to Jean for her contribution to the PCC during her time as a member.

During 2024 Sharron Edwards agreed to take on the role of Health and Safety Officer, a position formally held by George Turner. Sharron was co-opted onto the PCC in July 2024. She has since provided us with detailed monthly reports to complement the ongoing work of the Fabric Committee.

The work of the PCC is carried out by sub-committees that report back on a monthly basis. It was brought to the PCC's attention that the balcony rail by the organ needed to be raised. The height is to be raised to 1300mm by the installation of ironwork to be designed sympathetically for our Church. The project has been approved by the PCC with the faculty application having been prepared by Alex Dugdale with assistance from Alan Tomlinson.

The PCC is always exercised by the fact that we are responsible for two Grade 1 listed buildings and the cost of their maintenance. We were pleased to learn that Carol Milne a former warden of the Church had left £282,000 to the Church in her will. This is reflected in the accounts to be presented at the APCM 2025. No restrictions were placed on how the money could be spent but this PCC has repeatedly agreed and minuted the view that the money should be reserved for specific projects rather than be used to support the day to day running of the Church.

During this last year, the PCC have been asked to consider the appointment of a Parish Administrator. When Brian was inducted to the benefice, there were two administrators in place across the three Parishes. For some time now there hasn't been anyone assisting with the administration in any paid capacity. It has taken time to determine the role of an administrator, to agree how payment should be divided between the Parishes and also to secure accommodation. In February, Pauline Howarth from Mitton agreed to take on the role voluntarily with the PCC agreement and this will be monitored.

The PCC were also pleased to appoint Sue Wildsmith as a Foundation Governor of the school to join Mike Kirby, Steve Morris, Jean Johnson and Alex Dugdale.

In October 2024 a letter was received from Bishop Philip asking the PCC to consider 'where God is calling us next' now that Vision 2026 is almost at an end. The expectation is that the PCC elected at the APCM will work on the preparation of a new vision statement for the Diocese. This will be in conjunction with the representatives from the Deanery Synod.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the wardens and the members of the PCC for their support during the past twelve months. Thanks also to those sitting on the subcommittees who work quietly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of our churches.

Claire Davies

18th April 2025

7 SUPPORT COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Organists & Visiting priests	6203	4528
Accountancy Audit		0
Professional fees		
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	6203	4528
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8 WAGES & SALARIES

Wages & Salaries	6203	4528
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	6203	4528
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9 FIXED ASSETS

Investments	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2024	51787	47302
Disposal of investments		
Net gain/loss on disposal		
Net gain/loss on revaluation	1187	4486
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Market value at 31 December 2023	52974	51788
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Represented by:

Church Investment fund shares	53881	51697
C of E Fixed Interest Securities Fund	93	91
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	53974	51788
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Historical Cost	8715	8715
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10 STOCK

	2024	2023
	£	£
Stock in bookstall	300	200
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11 DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	2422	3044
BDBF Income due		
Prepayments	250	250
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	2672	3294
	0	

LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees Payable	0	4002
Donations Payable		
Heating allow c/f		
Other creditors		
Accruals		
Accountancy Fees		
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	0	4002
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CREDITORS Restricted	0	0
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13 FUND DETAILS Note10

	2024	2023
The Restricted Funds comprise:		
The Graveyard Funds	10629	9412
The Stydd Fabric Fund	11859	11273
The Youd St Wilfrid Fund	5880	5584
The Ridge Bulb Fudd	3418	3246
The Parish Heritage Fund	10659	9211
JL Grant Stydd	8017	0
JL Grant St Wilfrid	3507	0
Hall Committee	5428	7583
Organ Fund	2857	2747
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	62254	49056

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Wilfrid's, Ribchester

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charities Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC 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

In coaction 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 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2022 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

