

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of  
Brinsworth St Andrew with Catcliffe St Mary, Treeton St Helen and  
Tinsley St Lawrence (known as The Rivers Team)**

**Charity No. 1131641**



**Annual Report & Unaudited Accounts  
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**



## **The Rivers Team**

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## **Aims & Purposes**

The Rivers Team PCC (known as the Team Council) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Centre at 85 Bonet Lane, Brinsworth and St. Lawrence's Church Hall, St. Lawrence Road, Tinsley.

## **Objectives**

In promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, our vision and values are to be a Church that is alive and actively engaging in our communities, where people are coming to faith, growing in discipleship, worshipping Jesus, supporting each other, and serving God through the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit.

- In our Fellowship we will show God's love by supporting and encouraging one another, living together in unity as the family of God, and welcoming all who come.
- In our Discipleship we will be committed to allowing the Holy Spirit to teach us how to follow Jesus in our daily lives.
- In our Ministry we will seek to serve others as Jesus did, with humility and compassion through the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit.
- In our Mission we will prayerfully seek for, and take, opportunities to share the good news of Jesus through word and deed.
- And in all that we do we will seek to be loving, passionate, excited, honest, adventurous, generous, inclusive, and inventive as we serve Christ together.

When planning our activities for the year the PCC has considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

## **Activities**

This year, as a result of the continued growth of our 10.30am for 'Worship4All' congregation at Tinsley, St Lawrence's Church the Rivers Team was able to plant a new congregation in St. Mary's church, Catcliffe, which now meets each Sunday at 5pm, meaning we now have two diverse and vibrant Sunday congregations, meeting in different times in different locations, each expressing worship in slightly different styles. The morning Worship4All service, which is also live streamed on our Facebook page, is focussed around families with young children and includes a dedicated groups for children aged 0-5, and 5-11 in which they learn through teaching, craft, and play. The afternoon Worship4All is less formal and seeks to be more accessible to families with older children, teenagers, and young adults. Both services place a high value on hospitality and welcome, coffee, cakes and fruit are served before and after the morning service and a light tea is served after the evening service.

Our corporate worship is led by a team of musicians and worship leaders overseen by one of our Churchwardens.

In addition, there is a weekly mid-week service on Wednesdays in St. Andrew's Brinsworth, from 12.30pm to 3.30pm with a lunch followed by a more traditional time of worship. This ministry is lay led and particularly meets needs in the community around elderly isolation and bereavement support, and around 40 people attend regularly.

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There are also midweek missional activities in St. Andrew's and St. Mary's. These are staffed by lay volunteers and include:

- **'Coffee Pot'** - Tuesday mornings at St Mary's, Catcliffe is a coffee morning open to the community. This has been running for 9 years and has grown in numbers to around 40 people. This has been an important factor in strengthening links between the church and the community in Catcliffe. Over the last 6 months the Catcliffe Floods have bonded neighbours together in a new way and Coffee Pot has been, and still is, a safe place to meet, away from a 'drying out' house. In December Coffee Pot played host to BBC Radio Sheffield as they broadcast the mid-morning show which focused on stories from those in the community who had endured the trauma of having their house flooded.
- **'Youth Group'** – Sunday evenings at St Mary's, Catcliffe. This new initiative is making good progress. It is currently largely made up of young people from families who attend church, but some of these bring along friends, and the vision is for this to be developed as an outreach ministry. The evening involves a social time where the teenagers can 'let down their hair' playing games and chatting, this is followed by a time of worship and bible teaching. We are planning to develop the worship time as an intergeneration service with an emphasis on youth, young adults, and families with teenagers.
- **'First Steps'** - Tuesday mornings at St Andrew's, Brinsworth, a pre-school group that meets during school term time, and is generally over-subscribed. Sessions include play, biblical stories, songs and provide the opportunity for parents and carers to connect and build new relationships.
- **'Coffee Morning'** – Thursday mornings at St Helen's, Treeton, which is open to the community. Once a month this is followed by a reflective service of Holy Communion. St. Helen's is a grade 1 listed historic church, and Thursdays offer an open door for people to explore and learn about the building. Unfortunately, the coffee morning and reflective service had to close in July 2024 due to dwindling support. The PCC intends to develop a festival model of ministry in St. Helen's through the course of 2025 with the aim of reconnecting with the local community and developing a viable worshipping congregation in future years.

As well as our regular services and activities, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. In 2024 across the Rivers Team, we celebrated 13 baptisms and supported families through 29 funeral services and 7 services for the interment of ashes. Funerals and bereavement ministry is led by one of our Lay Readers, who is supported by a small team who assist with bereavement follow up and pastoral care.

The Team employs a Children and Families Worker through the Diocese of Sheffield Centenary Project and has a team of volunteers who deliver our ministry to children. This includes children's ministry in church every Sunday morning at St Lawrence's, and our Children and Families Worker also leads the First Steps Group and on ministry in schools, visiting all of the primary schools across the 5 communities, especially, but not exclusively around the major festivals, supporting our schools deliver elements of the National Curriculum for Religious Education in Key Stages 1 and 2. The Team Rector and Curate are Chair and Vice-chair of the Treeton CofE Primary School Local School Board (LSB)

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The Team has an administrative centre located next to St Andrew's church, which is staffed by volunteers who handle room hire, enquiries about life events and occasional offices, churchyards, and other administrative tasks. As well as hosting 'Wednesdays@St.Andrew's' and 'First Steps', the Centre is used for training and by a variety of community groups and is available for hire by individuals from within our communities for parties and events.

Over the year discipleship, pastoral and safeguarding courses have been run. In July 2024 around 60 people attended The Rivers Team Parish Weekend Away at The Hayes Christian Conference Centre, which explored Ezekiel's vision of the river of life flowing out from the temple (Eze. 47). We are planning to run another weekend away in 2026.

### **Pastoral Care**

Our Pastoral team is overseen by one of our Churchwardens and covers the pastoral care of our worshipping community, our hospitality and prayer teams, as well as identifying needs and developing pastoral ministry across the Rivers Team. This has included developing links with Rotherham Foodbank, a clothing bank in neighbouring Darnall and the Mental Health charity Kintsugi Hope in order to respond to needs identified within our communities. As part of our safeguarding, the Team have helped to develop guidelines for prayer ministry and filming and photography.

### **Deanery Synod**

Three members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. This year the business of the Synod has included reports from General Synod, conversations about the Diocesan strategy refresh, Focal Ministry in the Diocese, Deanery plans and good news stories from the Deanery. The Deanery also had a joint meeting with Laughton Deanery.

Deanery Synod representatives are:

Linda Read  
Liz Shaw  
David Vickers

### **Ecumenical Relationships**

The Rivers Team has working relationships with Hope Church Rotherham (Affiliated to Assemblies of God UK) and Living Waters Christian Fellowship, Darnall (Affiliated to The Evangelical Alliance) and are identifying ways in which we can support one another in the mission and ministry of the Church. This includes support for food and clothing banks, training and equipping events and prayer.

### **Resourcing Church Network**

As part of the Rivers Team vision to be a church that blesses beyond its borders, in 2024 The Rivers Team became part of the Diocesan Resourcing Church Network. Resourcing churches are part of the revitalisation strategy of the Diocese and are churches that are prepared to send planting and/or grafting teams to launch new or help revitalise vulnerable existing congregations. The planting of a new congregation in St. Mary's reestablished a worshipping community in Catcliffe and is our second new congregation, as we seek to establish a vibrant congregation in each of the communities we serve, and to explore fresh opportunities to help the revitalisation in the Rotherham Deanery and beyond.

## **Volunteers**

We would like to thank our large team of volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is.

## **Financial Review**

PCC accounts on a Receipts and Payments basis which recognises income and expense incurred for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December.

The church has several different types of funds. The main funds are described below. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Charity Commission guidance on preparing receipts and payments accounts.

### **General Fund**

The general fund includes the income and expenditure of the day-to-day operations of the church (except for St Lawrence Church Hall and St. Andrew's Centre).

Overall general fund income decreased slightly in 2024, (2024: £95,328 2023: £96,989) however this was largely due to one-off grants of £6,200 received in 2023. Income from giving, including tax recovered through the Gift Aid scheme increased this year by around 7% (2024: £73,676 2023: £68,889)

Rental income from the house at 18 St Georges Drive, which has been let on a short-term tenancy throughout 2024, produced a net rental income of £4,671 (2023 - £3,256) in the year after taking into account agents fees and other letting costs. Part of the property was transferred at the end of 2021 to the Church Endowment Funds, to release funds for repairs and upgrade works at the property. The restricted funds associated with these endowments now receive a proportion of the net rental income (2024: £964, 2023: £847) and the remaining net income increased the general fund (2024: £3,707, 2023 £2,887)

Expenditure increased by £4,875 (2024: £99,060 2023: £94,815) largely due to increasing our contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund (which funds clergy and parish support across the Diocese of Sheffield) by £6,000 (2024: £54,000 2023: 48,000).

The general fund produced an operating deficit of £3,732 (2023 Surplus £2,804). Net transfers of monies to and from other funds include covering the Centenary fund net costs of £12,588, and the Parish Weekend Away 2024 anticipated deficit of £3,365 (after outstanding pledges and gift aid due). Details of other funds can be found below (and in the notes to the accounts). After transfers the general fund cash reserves now stand at £19,793 (2023 - £29,767) and holds investment property valued at £146,820.

At 31 December 2023 £3,946 of gift aid was due from HMRC but not received until 2025. There are liabilities of £3,823 that are not reflected in expenditure.

### **Main Restricted, Designated and Endowment Funds**

#### **St Lawrence Church Hall - Designated Fund**

The income and expenditure in respect of St. Lawrence's Hall are accounted for separately with any surplus transferred in full to the General Fund.

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Income from lettings (2024: £6,756 2023: £6,756) remained consistent to the prior year and expenditure decreased slightly (2024: £868 2023: £1,305)

The surplus generated of £5,888 (2023: £5,451) was transferred to the general fund.

**St. Andrew's Centre – Designated Fund**

Income totalled £15,255 (2023: £16,509) of which £4,920 was income from the rental of the flat at 85 Bonet Lane (2023: £4,800) and £10,029 from the use of the Centre (2023: £11,709).

Expenditure totalled £12,432 (2023: £11,461) resulting in a surplus of £2,823 (2023: £5,048). This was transferred to the General Fund, with a retained fund balance of £1,500 (2023: £1,500).

**Mission Giving (Designated fund) and Specific mission giving (including previous Mission gift day appeals) (Restricted fund)**

The PCC aims to give 10% of the money it receives from giving to support various mission partners and will agree the amount to be set aside from 2024 giving at the 1<sup>st</sup> PCC meeting following the 2024 AGM.

£344 has been received in specific gifts for mission and £709 paid to missionary organisations in the year leaving balances of £7,460 (2023: £7,825) of restricted funds and £6,347 (2023: £6,347) in designated funds carried forward.

The PCC reviews its overall commitment to mission giving and the mission partners it supports on an annual basis. All financial information and the financial health of the Church will be considered before such decisions are made.

**Other Designated, Restricted, and Endowment Funds**

Full details of other funds can be found in the notes to the accounts (pages 12-15).

To streamline its accounting processes, the PCC is seeking to reduce the number of funds it holds. To this effect it has, with the agreement of the DCCs, adopted a policy of reducing the balances of restricted funds by calling on them first for any expenditure which legitimately meets the conditions of the fund. Where possible the PCC may look to amalgamate funds with similar objectives and conditions.

**Reserves Policy**

The general fund cash reserves as at 31 December 2024 were £19,793 (the general funds after adjusting for liabilities and other monetary assets were £19,916). The PCC have set a formal free reserve target of £16,000 – the target is exceeded at the year end. The PCC will have this target in mind when approving the 2024 Mission Giving tithe to be set aside in a designated fund.

Designated cash reserves at 31 December 2023 were £11,795.

**Investment Policy**

The PCC has invested its endowment fund in property to generate rental income which is used for the purposes of the relevant restricted funds.

Surplus cash at bank is held in an interest-bearing deposit account.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

In line with the Diocesan Strategy the Rivers Team operates on an oversight model of mission and ministry, with responsibility for various ministry areas delegated to focal ministers and ministry teams. The Incumbent is Revd. Philip Barringer (Team Rector) who serves on a House for Duty basis, and shares oversight responsibility with Revd. Deborah Coyne (Team Vicar) and Rev. Edward Short (Self-supporting Curate). There are 3 Churchwardens, each of whom takes responsibility for overseeing a particular aspect of the mission and ministry and leading a core team who minister across the benefice (C. Collier – Pastoral Care, D. Smith (retiring at 2024 AGM) - Worship and Sally Dunkley Fabric. Ministry, services, and missional activities are largely led by lay volunteers.

The Team Council meets bi-monthly to discuss and make decisions on the finances, business, mission, and ministry of the church. In 2024 the business of the Team Council included:

- Mission and ministry of the Team
- Mission Action Planning
- Safeguarding
- Church Planting
- The finances of the Team
- The prayer life of the Rivers Team
- Reports from Church Wardens covering worship, pastoral care and upkeep of our buildings
- Centenary project updates
- Parish weekend 2024
- Developing St. Andrew's as a Family Hub
- Future plans for St. Helen's
- Small groups

The PCC has drawn up a programme of priority maintenance works required on our buildings, some of which have been committed to for 2025, other reasonably significant works will be planned in accordance with available funds.

## **Administrative Information**

The Rivers Team is part of the Church of England, within the Diocese of Sheffield. We are one parish covering the five communities of Brinsworth, Catcliffe, Treeton, Tinsley and Waverley. The correspondence address is Rivers Team Church Office, 85 Bonet Lane, Brinsworth, Rotherham, S60 5NF.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church representation Rules 2006) and was registered with the Charity Commission in September 2009, charity number 1131641. (Churches were previously excepted from registration).

The method of appointment of Parochial Church Council members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is known as the Team Council and is comprised of up to twelve representatives of the laity elected by the annual parochial church meeting. These twelve elected representatives shall be up to three lay representatives from each community. In addition, ex-officio members include clergy, churchwardens and lay readers licenced to the Parish and the Team Council may co-opt up to two persons. Trustees are elected for a 3-year term.



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PCC members who have served from 1 January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

**Ex-officio**

Revd. Philip Barringer	Rector/Incumbent and Chair	
Revd. Deborah Coyne	Team Vicar	
Revd. Edward Short	Curate	(from July 2024)
Caryl Collier	Churchwarden	
Richard Edge	Churchwarden	(retired May 2024)
David Smith	Churchwarden	
Sally Dunkley	Churchwarden	
Denise Cryer	Reader and Secretary	
Denise Teal	Reader	

**Co-opted members**

Linda Read	(Deanery Synod)	
Liz Shaw	(Deanery Synod)	(from May 2024)
David Vickers	(Deanery Synod)	
Pam Gregory	Treasurer	

**Elected Members**

Sarah Clayton	Children and families worker	
Jane Cripps		
Iris Gahegan		
Chris Norton		
Mercy Obinna		(from May 2024)
Claire Peats		
Vimbai Rashai		(resigned Feb 2024)
Julie Read		
Nicola Short		
Caleb Satumba		(from May 2024)
Vanessa Sibanda		(resigned May 2024)

**Principal address**

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**Accountants**

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The annual report and financial statements were approved by the PCC on 23 April 2025.

Signed on their behalf by



Rev P Barringer  
Incumbent and PCC Chairman

## **Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of The Rivers Team ("the Charity")**

I report to the PCC members on my examination of the accounts of The Rivers Team PCC (the Charity) for the Year Ended 31 December 2024.

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

As the PCC members of the Charity 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 Charity'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**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

*S Lightfoot*

29 Apr 2025

Sarah Lightfoot, FCA, DChA  
Seven Hills Accountants Limited  
57 Burton Street  
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S6 2HH

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	Notes	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Voluntary giving							
Planned giving		48,071	-	1,035	-	49,106	46,545
Service collections		9,368	-	847	-	10,215	9,502
Other donations		1,488	210	4,182	-	5,880	6,891
Gift aid recovered		14,749	-	657	-	15,406	15,498
Grants		-	-	1,635	-	1,635	8,350
		<u>73,676</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>8,356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,242</u>	<u>86,786</u>
Church activities							
Hall rent and room hire		225	10,338	-	-	10,563	10,487
Income from activities and events		967	6,447	-	-	7,414	7,901
Fees relating to weddings and funerals		14,009	1,119	-	-	15,128	15,030
		<u>15,201</u>	<u>17,904</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,105</u>	<u>33,418</u>
Investments							
Income from rental property		6,386	4,920	964	-	12,270	11,790
Bank interest		65	96	34	-	195	170
		<u>6,451</u>	<u>5,016</u>	<u>998</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,465</u>	<u>11,960</u>
<b>Total income</b>		<u><b>95,328</b></u>	<u><b>23,130</b></u>	<u><b>9,354</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>127,812</b></u>	<u><b>132,164</b></u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Church activities							
Mission giving		-	-	1,492	-	1,492	1,256
Common fund contribution		54,000	-	-	-	54,000	48,000
Salary costs	2	-	-	12,623	-	12,623	8,905
Clergy and staff costs		3,941	-	470	-	4,411	1,466
Church expenses							
Worship and services		5,152	-	115	-	5,267	5,535
Mission & Ministry		2,326	-	1,180	-	3,506	2,286
Activities and events		-	-	7,819	-	7,819	10,009
Fees paid re weddings and funerals		3,793	-	-	-	3,793	6,322
Church running costs							
Church and hall utility costs		7,684	4,374	-	-	12,058	11,556
Church and hall insurance		9,114	2,110	-	-	11,224	10,946
Church and hall maintenance		2,789	642	-	-	3,431	5,684
Church and hall maintenance - significant costs		324	-	-	-	324	1,772
Churchyard costs		2,255	-	-	-	2,255	2,360
IT and office equipment		399	-	329	-	728	518
Self employed costs		-	4,016	-	-	4,016	3,714
Other running costs		2,907	458	285	-	3,650	6,365
Governance costs							
Independent examination fee		1,698	-	-	-	1,698	300
Rental property costs		2,678	1,700	-	-	4,378	3,694
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u><b>99,060</b></u>	<u><b>13,300</b></u>	<u><b>24,313</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>136,673</b></u>	<u><b>130,688</b></u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(3,732)	9,830	(14,959)	-	(8,861)	1,476
Transfer of funds	7	(6,242)	(8,711)	14,953	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(9,974)	1,119	(6)	-	(8,861)	1,476
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		29,767	10,676	56,666	-	97,109	95,633
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><b>19,793</b></u>	<u><b>11,795</b></u>	<u><b>56,660</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>88,248</b></u>	<u><b>97,109</b></u>

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**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**As at 31 December 2024**

Notes	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Cash funds</b>						
Balance at bank and cash	<u>19,793</u>	<u>11,795</u>	<u>56,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,248</u>	<u>97,109</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>						
Gift aid receivable	3,946	-	924	-	4,870	3,914
Pledged donation re 2024 weekend away	-	-	500	-	500	-
Deposit paid re 2024 weekend away	-	-	-	-	-	2,080
	<u>3,946</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,370</u>	<u>5,994</u>
<b>Investments assets</b>						
Investment property	146,820	-	-	38,180	185,000	185,000
	<u>146,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,180</u>	<u>185,000</u>	<u>185,000</u>
This property is held to generate rental income. It is held by the general and endowment funds. It was revalued as at the end of 2022 to reflect major work done during that year and the change in market value.						
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>						
St L: Church Hall	-	114,000	-	-	114,000	114,000
St A: Centre and flat	-	125,000	-	-	125,000	125,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>239,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>239,000</u>	<u>239,000</u>

St Lawrence Church Hall is used for church activities. It was valued as at 31 December 2004 and is included in the accounts on this basis.

St Andrew's Centre and flat is a mixed use property - it is used for church activities but also includes a rental property which generates income. It was valued as at 31 December 2004 and is included in the accounts on this basis.

**Liabilities**

Accruals

Independent examination fee re 2022	-	-	-	-	-	824
Independent examination fee re 2023	-	-	-	-	-	864
Independent examination fee re 2024	897	-	-	-	897	-
Fees payable re weddings and funerals	2,926	-	-	-	2,926	1,748
Clergy and staff costs	-	-	-	-	-	1,582
Salary costs - Centenary fund	-	-	-	-	-	3,076
Other running costs - St Andrews	-	317	-	-	317	-
	<u>3,823</u>	<u>317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,140</u>	<u>8,094</u>

The financial statements were approved by the PCC on 23 April 2025.

Signed on their behalf by:



Rev P Barringer  
Incumbent and PCC Chairman

**1 Accounting Policies**

**a General**

The accounts are prepared in line with the Charity Commission guidance on "Receipts and payments" accounts and the Church Accounting Regulations 2016.

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

**b Fund accounting**

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the PCC are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

Endowment funds have arisen as a result of gifts (originally of shares) made to the PCC, where it was primarily expected that the capital would be held to generate income, but could be spent if the trustees so determine. Details of these funds are given in note 6.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible in law. They do not include the accounts for other church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

**2 Staff costs, PCC remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel**

The church does not directly employ any individuals. They reimburse the Diocese of Sheffield for the costs of the Centenary worker salary position.

PCC members were not paid and did not receive any other benefits in their capacity as PCC members in the year (2023: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses in their capacity as PCC members during the year (2023: £nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the PCC members, which include the clergy and the Centenary Project worker. A common fund contribution of £54,000 was paid to the Diocese of Sheffield towards clergy remuneration (2023: £48,000). The Diocese was paid £12,623 towards the Centenary worker salary position, with £000 payable at the year end (2023: £8,905 paid in the year, with £3,076 payable at the year end). Other clergy expenses (including housing costs) and centenary worker expenses paid in the year were £4,411 (2023: £1,466).

**3 Related party transactions**

PCC members and (and families) donated in the region of £25,329 before Gift Aid without conditions and at least £2,330 before gift aid towards the Parish Weekend Away. (Where a PCC member has only served for part of the year, donations are included for the whole of the financial year.)

Other related party transactions during the year were:

- The caretaker of St Andrews is close family of a member of the PCC. They were paid £4,016 on a self-employed basis during the year.
- Three readers are either on the PCC or related to someone on the PCC and receives fees for weddings and funerals. They were paid £2,270 on a self-employed basis during the year.

The church has trustees in common with the following charities, which are not deemed to be under the PCC control and are not included within these accounts:

- The Bellfield Charity, 247392, is set up to contribute to the upkeep and renewal of the church bells, and bell tower of St Helen's Church, Treeton.
- Treeton Educational Foundation, 529423, exists for the provision of grants to Treeton residents and Treeton Church of England School to assist children and young people in their education

#### 4 Designated funds

	Balance at 1-Jan-24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31-Dec-24 £
St L: Hall activity	-	6,756	(868)	(5,888)	-
St A: Centre activity	1,500	15,255	(12,432)	(2,823)	1,500
Mission Giving	6,347	-	-	-	6,347
St M: Churchyard restoration	2,829	1,119	-	-	3,948
	<b>10,676</b>	<b>23,130</b>	<b>(13,300)</b>	<b>(8,711)</b>	<b>11,795</b>

##### St L: Hall activity

The income and expenditure in respect of St. Lawrence's Hall are accounted for separately with any surplus transferred in full to the General Fund. The surplus during the year is contributed to the general fund.

##### St A: Centre activity

All income and expenditure in respect of St Andrew's Centre are accounted for separately with any surplus transferred to the General Fund, leaving £1,500 in this fund.

##### Mission Giving

The PCC is committed to give 10% (a tithe) of the money it receives from giving to support various mission partners. £6,347 was set aside based on 2022 giving. No amounts have yet been set aside for 2023 or 2024.

##### St M: Churchyard restoration

This fund is for the expansion, development and improvement of the Churchyard at St. Mary's, Catcliffe. Whilst the original work was done some time ago, the fund still receives related funeral fee income so that when there is sufficient money the PCC will look to get the paths upgraded, possibly introduce some bases for memorial benches, tree works, repairs to walls and any other major maintenance works.

#### 5 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1-Jan-24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31-Dec-24 £
Centenary fund	307	999	(13,894)	12,588	-
St H: Restoration fund	45,423	-	-	479	45,902
Parish Weekend fund 2023	(75)	75	-	-	-
Parish Weekend fund 2024	(2,080)	5,013	(7,623)	3,365	(1,325)
Supporting communities grant	564	-	(258)	-	306
Small Sparks	-	1,635	(1,046)	-	589
Specific mission giving	7,825	344	(709)	-	7,460
Macedonia fund	1,029	290	-	(333)	986
St H: MR&H Atkinson Trust	-	230	-	(230)	-
St H: Belfield Fund	-	249	-	(249)	-
St L: Education fund	1,361	138	-	(334)	1,165
St L: fabric fund	485	182	-	-	667
St L: poor fund	1,643	199	(783)	(333)	726
St L: Eric Bower fund	184	-	-	-	184
	<b>56,666</b>	<b>9,354</b>	<b>(24,313)</b>	<b>14,953</b>	<b>56,660</b>

##### Centenary fund

The Centenary project is a Diocesan initiative for the deployment of Youth and Childrens and Families workers to churches in the Diocese of Sheffield. We currently have a part time Childrens and Families worker via the Centenary Project. The costs allocated to the restricted fund were limited to available funds - the rest of the costs were incurred by the general fund.

##### St H: Restoration fund

For repairs to the fabric of St Helen's Church, Treeton - either interior or exterior. This fund received the property income of the St Helen's endowment funds (see below).

##### Parish Weekend fund 2023

Monies given towards the costs of Team parish weekends. £75 was received in 2024 re gift aid claimed.

## 5 Restricted funds - continued

### Parish Weekend fund 2024

Monies given towards the costs of Team parish weekends. The deposit for 2024 had been paid giving a negative fund balance at the start of the year. £1,000 was contributed from the Macedonia Fund, Education fund and Poor fund. Not all gift aid claimable has been made in the year. The estimated deficit (after final gifts and gift aid claimed of £1,325) of £2,365 has been transferred from the general fund.

### Supporting communities grant

A £5,000 grant from Rotherham Council (via Voluntary Action Rotherham) to assist in the recovery from the pandemic. Costs covered include computer equipment upgrade and 2 years of internet provision. The grant continues to cover internet provision.

### Small Sparks

A Dioces grant towards St Mary's youth space and establishing a new congregation.

### Specific mission giving

Monies raised from 2020 and 2021 gift days, with a contribution from the PCC (a tithe).

### Macedonia fund

This fund is to provide financial assistance to any member of the Rivers Team congregations who finds themselves in financial difficulty and unable to meet an immediate essential bill or cost.

The below 5 funds are connected to endowment funds - the net income generated from endowment investments can be used for the following purposes:

<b>St H: MR&amp;H Atkinson Trust</b>	for the maintenance of the general fabric St Helen's
<b>St H: Belfield Fund</b>	for the upkeep and renewal of the church bells, and bell tower of St Helen's Church, Treeton
<b>St L: Education fund</b>	for the resourcing of Christian teaching and education
<b>St L: fabric fund</b>	for maintaining the fabric of St. Lawrence Church
<b>St L: poor fund</b>	to provide assistance for those in Tinsley in Financial hardship
 <b>St L: Eric Bower fund</b>	 to maintain a certain grave & provide flowers in church

## 6 Endowment funds

	Balance at 1-Jan-24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 31-Dec-24 £
St H: MR&H Atkinson Trust	-	-	-	-	-
St H: Belfield Fund	-	-	-	-	-
St L: Education fund	-	-	-	-	-
St L: fabric fund	-	-	-	-	-
St L: poor fund	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The endowment funds exist primarily as the result of shares left in wills to generate income for specific purposes. The use of the income of each endowment is listed in the previous note.

During 2021 the shares were sold to enable upgrades to the investment property (which took place during 2022) - each endowment fund now holds a fixed percentage of the value of the property.

Improvement work to the property purchased was done in 2022, resulting in negative cash fund balances. The general fund will now absorb any significant costs relating to the property - the endowment funds are deemed to hold the capital value of the original purchase and 2022 improvement costs only.

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**7 Transfers**

		Transfers to/(from) the general fund		
		£	£	£
Designated funds:				
St L: Hall activity	Surplus in year		5,888	
St A: Centre activity	Surplus in year		<u>2,823</u>	8,711
Restricted funds:				
St H: Restoration fund	Transfer restricted endowment income	479		
St H: MR&H Atkinson Trust	<i>as above</i>	(230)		
St H: Belfield Fund	<i>as above</i>	<u>(249)</u>		
			-	
Centenary fund	Deficit funded by the general fund		(12,588)	
Macedonia fund	Contribution to Parish weekend away 2024	(333)		
St L: Education fund	Contribution to Parish weekend away 2024	(334)		
St L: poor fund	Contribution to Parish weekend away 2024	(333)		
Parish Weekend fund 2024	<i>as above</i>	1,000		
Parish Weekend fund 2024	Deficit funded by the general fund		<u>(2,365)</u>	(14,953)
Total transfer to/(from) the general fund				<u><u>(6,242)</u></u>