

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF SOLIHULL**

(Charity number 1131647)

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Solihull

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for 2024

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Registration:

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Solihull (the PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission under registered charity number 1131647

Priest-in-Charge (Rector Designate):

Rev Nick Parker

Operational Address:

Parish Office, Oliver Bird Hall, Church Hill Road, Solihull B91 3RQ

Bankers:

Lloyds Bank, 9/14 Poplar Road, Solihull B91 3AN

Auditors:

Prime Accountants Group, Corner Oak, 1 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3QG

Investment Advisors

CCLA, One Angel Lane, London EC4R 3AB

Structure, governance and management

Governance

The parish of St Alphege, Solihull, is part of the Diocese of Birmingham. It comprises three churches which were formed into a Team Ministry by Pastoral Order in 1979. The churches, St Alphege, St Helen's and St Michael's, are governed by District Church Councils (DCCs) to which the PCC has delegated many of its functions. The PCC retains responsibility for certain reserved matters including those of a parish-wide nature. The rules for the proceedings of the PCC are set out in the Church Representation Rules and the same rules apply, as far as may be, to the DCCs.

Objectives and Activities

Object of the Church

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Solihull, ('the PCC') has the responsibility of co-operating with the Team Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Other duties include ultimate responsibility for a wide range of matters affecting the Parish, including compliance with health and safety, disability discrimination legislation, data protection and safeguarding, and arranging appropriate training for members and staff. It also has certain responsibilities for each of the churches within the parish, and other major fund holders, such as the Oliver Bird Hall and St Alphege Pre-School, although many of these responsibilities are delegated to the DCC's of each church and the committees of other fund holders.

Public Benefit

The PCC has referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the aim and objectives of the PCC and in planning its future activities.

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Trustees and Management Committee

The members of the PCC (who are trustees for the purposes of Charity Law) who served during the year until the date this report was approved were:

	<u>St Alphege</u>	<u>St Helen's</u>	<u>St Michael's</u>	<u>PCC</u>
Clergy	Rev Nick Parker	Rev S Chandler	Rev S Marshall	Mrs S Maguire
Parish Churchwardens				Mrs P Price Mr A Williams
Deputy Churchwardens	Mrs S Gomm Mrs S Sayers	Mr C Carrington	Mr K Wilson	
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mrs D Moll Mrs R Linstead	Mrs J Norman	Mr K Wilson	
Church Centre Representatives	Mrs J Ladbrooke Mr T Drakeford	Mrs P Gates Mr L Prescott Mrs J Norman	Ms A Clomey Mr N Evans	
Lay members of Diocesan Synod	Mrs D Moll			
Co-options				Mrs V Dobson Rev S Chandler Mr M Finch
Readers	Mrs L Hicks			
Elected Lay Reps (max 5)				Mrs C Southworth Mrs E Diskin Mrs J Hanson Mr J Singh Mr A Halstead

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Statement of responsibilities of the members of the PCC (the trustees)

The trustees of the PCC are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees of the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing the financial statements the trustees of the PCC are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees of the PCC are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Appointment of Trustees

Members of the PCC, the trustees, are ex officio, or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ('the APCM') in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees which meet between full meetings of the Council. These include the **Parish Standing Committee**, which is the only Committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by the PCC. Other committees include the **Employment and Safeguarding Group**; the **Finance Group**; the **Buildings and Plant Group**; and the **Communications Group**; and the **District Church Councils (DCCs)** of St Alphege, St Helen's and St Michael's to which the PCC has delegated many of its functions.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the PCC are exposed, including financial risk, reputational risk, statutory risk and legal requirements and operational risk, have been identified by PCC, are regularly reviewed, and systems and procedures have been established to manage those risks. Similar risk assessments and management of risks are regularly reviewed by DCCs and other fund holding committees.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

As of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 28 April 2025, there were 303 (2024:478) names on the electoral roll comprising:

- St Alphege's Section: 196 (2024:332)
- St Helen's Section: 58 (2024:73)
- St Michael's Section: 49 (2024:73)

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Review of the year ending 31st December 2024

Throughout 2024 our three church centres, the Junction (meeting in Oliver Bird Hall), and our Pioneer Minister (working in community spaces), have continued to serve the people of Solihull with enthusiasm and joy. Our clergy, lay ministers and volunteers have worked hard to maintain, and indeed build upon, our programme of services and activities with good result in terms of attendance and participation at special services, as well as building reputation.

The PCC Committees cover all aspects of parish work and have continued to be effective in taking forward our policies and strategies, in particular those for Discipleship and Nurture, Employment and Safeguarding, Social Justice and Environment, Communications, Preschool, and Finance (the committee responsible for ensuring compliance, due diligence and financial strategy).

Project Turnaround has progressed with the new St. Alphege lighting scheme commissioned in September. PCC has approved spending towards detailed plans and costings sufficient to seek faculty approval and planning permission for the further phases of work planned for St. Alphege Church and grounds. The next immediate step is to carry out archaeological investigation to ascertain the feasibility of underfloor heating and construction of a narthex outside the west end of the church (which would serve as a welcoming/connecting space as well as providing toilets). The project aim remains to maximise the community benefit of our two main physical assets: St Alphege Church and the Oliver Bird Hall (OBH). The church works could commence as soon as summer 2026 with the OBH works following sometime after.

Financial Report of the Parochial Church Council for 2024

In 2024, expenditure exceeded income by £195,428. The figure for 2023 was £9,403 and the variation between the two years can be analysed as follows:

	£,000	£,000
Reduction in grants received	-35	
Reduction in legacies	-18	
Increase in fees	17	
Increase in giving	13	
Other income	19	
Total reduction in income		-4
Increase in major repairs	143	
Increase in Common Fund	20	
Increase in church maintenance	25	
Other	-6	
Total increase in expenditure		182
Net Increase in expenditure		186

This was financed largely from the sale of investment assets which raised £145,219.

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Investment Policy

The PCC holds the vast majority of its investments with the CCLA and considers that its investment policy in all material respects meets the Charity Commission's recommendations. The PCC's general policy is, whenever possible, to invest in collective investment funds with an acceptable social, environmental and ethical policy, producing a regular income together with an element of capital growth. Other investments with similar characteristics may be considered.

Reserves Policy

The general reserves of the PCC are, in the main, represented by equity investments, property, including a house for our pioneer minister and the parish hall (Oliver Bird Hall), and cash balances. The 'free reserves' (excluding designated funds) are represented by net current assets, which at the end of the year amounted to £532,576 which equates to the sum required at current rates of spend to meet about six months of on-going costs. This is higher than the Charity Commission's recommended cover of three to four months but the PCC considers this level to be prudent and reasonable given the Parish's on-going history of deficits, the imminent development of St Alphege church, the probable need for further repairs to the parish hall, the impact of the recent surge in inflation on all costs, and a desire to limit the frequency with which we draw down from the reserves.

Auditors

Prime Accountants and Business Advisors Limited have expressed their willingness to continue in office and were re-appointment at the Annual Parish Church Meeting.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Revd R.N. Parker', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Revd R.N. Parker (Chairman)

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SOLIHULL

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Solihull ('the PCC') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the PCC's affairs as at 31st December 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ISAs (UK) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the PCC in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to the events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the PCC and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the PCC or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the group through discussions with directors and other management and from our commercial knowledge and experience;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the PCC; and
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence.

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We assessed the susceptibility of the PCC's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and other relevant parties.


There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the PCC, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the PCC's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC and the charity's trustees as a body, or for the opinions we have formed.



Jeremy Kitson BA FCA
Prime
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Corner Oak
1 Homer Road
Solihull
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Date: 28.10.2025.
Date:

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Solihull
Year ended 31st December 2024
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and Legacies	2(a)	415,848	27		415,875	454,014
Charitable Activities	2(b)	194,780			194,780	178,636
Other Trading Activities	2(c)	114,314			114,314	98,289
Investments	2(d)	96,880	4,945	2,046	103,871	101,250
Other	2(e)					
Total income and endowments		821,822	4,972	2,046	828,840	832,189
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	3(a)	80,092			80,092	87,364
Charitable activities:	3(b)	942,779	77		942,856	754,228
Total expenditure		1,022,871	77		1,022,948	841,592
Net (expenditure) / income		-201,049	4,895	2,046	-194,108	-9,403
Net (losses)/gains on revaluation of investments		48,202	3,288	1,687	53,177	190,325
Net (losses)/gains on disposal of investments		4,735			4,735	
Net transfers (out)/in between funds		2,046		-2,046		
Net movement in funds		-146,066	8,183	1,687	-136,196	180,922
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward as 1 January 2024		3,540,416	317,434	73,716	3,931,566	3,750,644
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2024		3,394,350	325,617	75,403	3,795,370	3,931,566

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2024 or 2023 other than those recognised in the Statements of Financial Activities.

The Notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of this account

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Solihull
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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)
[Comparative figures for 2023]

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	2(a)	453,991	23		454,014
Charitable Activities	2(b)	178,636			178,636
Other Trading Activities	2(c)	98,289			98,289
Investments	2(d)	96,866	4,384		101,250
Total income and endowments		827,782	4,407		832,189
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3(a)	87,364			87,364
Charitable activities:	3(b)	754,104	124		754,228
Total expenditure		841,468	124		841,592
Net (expenditure) / income		-13,686	4,283		-9,403
Net gains on revaluation of investments		171,484	12,451	6,390	190,325
Net gains on disposal of investments					
Net transfers (out)/in between funds		8,795		-8,795	
Net movement in funds		166,593	16,734	-2,405	180,922
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2023		3,373,823	300,700	76,121	3,750,644
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2023		3,540,416	317,434	73,716	3,931,566

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Year ended 31st December 2024

Balance Sheet

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	10	543,695	543,695
Investment assets	11	2,719,099	2,797,721
		<u>3,262,794</u>	<u>3,341,416</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		3,185	2,702
Debtors	12	41,939	43,852
Short-term deposits		326,905	305,160
Cash at bank and in hand		326,429	407,806
		<u>698,458</u>	<u>759,520</u>
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors	13	-165,882	-169,370
		<u>532,576</u>	<u>590,150</u>
Net assets			
		<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	
		3,795,370	3,931,566
Liabilities: amounts falling due after more than one year			
Loans to/from Parish/Funds			
Total assets	14	<u>3,795,370</u>	<u>3,931,566</u>
Funds			
Endowment funds	15(a)	75,403	73,716
Restricted funds	15(b)	325,618	317,434
Unrestricted and designated funds	15(c)	3,394,349	3,540,416
		<u>3,795,370</u>	<u>3,931,566</u>

Approved by the Standing Committee on 28/10/2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd R. N. Parker

Chairman



M Finch

Parish Treasurer

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Statement of cash flows

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
<i>Net cash (used in) operating activities</i>	17	<u>-300,037</u>	<u>90,436</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment income		103,871	101,250
Proceeds from sale of properties			
Purchase of property			
(Purchase) / Sale of investments		136,534	
Sale of Tangible Fixed Assets		<u>240,405</u>	<u>101,250</u>
<i>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</i>		-59,632	191,686
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		712,966	521,280
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</i>	18	<u>653,334</u>	<u>712,966</u>

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Notes to the financial statements

(1) Accounting policies**a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£)

b) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

c) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

d) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Collections and planned giving is only recognised when received, although any income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is accrued for the period ended 31st December.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity where it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments includes dividends and interest, and is accounted for when receivable.

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31st December each year.

e) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The Diocesan Common Fund is accounted for when paid and other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance, then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

f) **Support cost allocation**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management costs. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with the resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

g) **Tangible fixed assets****Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings**

Consecrated and beneficed property (of St Alphege and St Helen's) is excluded from the financial statements by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be an inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Freehold land and buildings

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

No depreciation is provided on freehold properties on the grounds that, in the opinion of the PCC, given the high residual value of properties, the depreciation charge and accumulated depreciation would be immaterial to these accounts.

Equipment

Equipment used within church buildings is written off when the asset is acquired.

h) **Investments**

Investments are valued at market value at 31st December.

i) **Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors, less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

j) **Taxation**

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

k) **Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for slow moving items.

l) **Cash and cash equivalent**

Cash for the purpose of the cash flow statement comprises cash in hand and deposits which may be accessed within 24 hours or without notice and penalty.

Liquid resources comprise term deposits of less than one year, other than cash and balances held by investment portfolio managers for reinvestment.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	2023 £
2 Income and endowments from:					
(a) Donations and Legacies					
Planned giving	205,349			205,349	201,310
Income tax refunds	52,238			52,238	49,142
Cash collections	20,461	27		20,488	14,271
General purpose donations	7,792			7,792	4,532
Grants received	122,774			122,774	157,451
Donations and appeals	6,495			6,495	8,687
Legacies	739			739	18,621
<i>Total</i>	<u>415,848</u>	<u>27</u>		<u>415,875</u>	<u>454,014</u>
(b) Charitable Activities					
Bookstall	135			135	279
Magazine sales	3,427			3,427	3,329
Fees (Statutory)	12,713			12,713	13,295
Fees (Other - Pre-school)	178,505			178,505	161,733
Furlough claims					
<i>Total</i>	<u>194,780</u>			<u>194,780</u>	<u>178,636</u>
(c) Other Trading Activities					
Bookstall	2,957			2,957	2,163
Magazine advertising	8,460			8,460	9,337
Church/Hall lettings	89,887			89,886	81,446
Social and similar events	13,010			13,010	5,343
<i>Total</i>	<u>114,314</u>			<u>114,314</u>	<u>98,289</u>
(d) Investments					
Dividends	81,206	3,988	2,046	87,240	86,504
Interest received	15,674	957		16,631	14,746
Rent received					
<i>Total</i>	<u>96,880</u>	<u>4,945</u>	<u>2,046</u>	<u>102,551</u>	<u>101,250</u>
(e) Other					
Profit on sale of property					-
<i>Total</i>					<u>-</u>
<i>Total income and endowments from:</i>	<u>821,822</u>	<u>4,972</u>	<u>2,046</u>	<u>827,520</u>	<u>832,189</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	2023 £
3 Expenditure on:					
(a) Raising funds					
Bookstall					1,374
Magazine	3,427			3,427	3,329
Hall running costs	71,804			71,804	79,225
Costs of fundraising events	4,861			4,861	3,436
<i>Total</i>	<u>80,092</u>			<u>80,092</u>	<u>87,364</u>
(b) Charitable activities:					
Ministry:					
Diocesan Common Fund	150,000			150,000	130,287
Clergy working expenses	4,379			4,379	5,447
Clergy housing	9,023			9,023	15,966
Charity - running expenses	51,677	39		51,716	60,170
Church maintenance	57,439			57,439	32,074
Upkeep of services	12,392			12,392	4,226
Upkeep of churchyard	11,161			11,161	9,193
Cost of sales	4,121			4,121	2,951
Support costs	1,180			1,180	9,040
Major repairs	283,713			283,713	140,596
Repairs & installations	13,443			13,443	1,587
Salaries and wages	299,479			299,479	297,006
Administration	21,643	38		21,681	25,295
Missionary & charitable giving					
Church overseas	3,817			3,817	1,200
Home missions &c	14,977			14,977	17,093
Secular charities	3,260			3,260	2,097
Other activities	1,075			1,075	
<i>Total</i>	<u>942,779</u>	<u>77</u>		<u>942,856</u>	<u>754,228</u>
<i>Total expenditure on:</i>	<u>1,022,871</u>	<u>77</u>		<u>1,022,948</u>	<u>841,592</u>

Included in the 2023 total expenditure of £841,592 was £841,468 unrestricted and £124 restricted fund.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) (continued)

	Activities directly undertaken £	Grant funding of activities £	Support Costs £	TOTAL 2024 £	
4 Analysis of expenditure including allocation of support costs (2024)					
Raising funds	80,092			80,092	
Charitable activities					
<i>Resourcing Ministry</i>	896,866		22,861	919,727	
<i>Resourcing Mission</i>		23,129		23,129	
	<u>976,959</u>	<u>23,129</u>	<u>22,861</u>	<u>1,022,948</u>	
	Activities directly undertaken £	Grant funding of activities £	Support Costs £	TOTAL 2023 £	
Analysis of expenditure including allocation of support costs (2023)					
Raising funds	87,364			87,364	
Charitable activities					
<i>Resourcing Ministry</i>	699,503		34,335	733,838	
<i>Resourcing Mission</i>		20,390		20,390	
	<u>786,867</u>	<u>20,390</u>	<u>34,335</u>	<u>841,592</u>	
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	2023 £
5 Analysis of support costs					
Resourcing Ministry	1,180			1,180	9,040
Administration costs	15,343	38		15,381	20,015
Audit fee	6,300			6,300	5,280
	<u>22,823</u>	<u>38</u>		<u>22,861</u>	<u>34,335</u>

6 Auditors remuneration

The auditors remuneration amounts to an audit fee of £6,300 (2023: £6300), which is included in administration costs.

7 Trustees, key management personnel and related parties

Although there are a number of different funds, there is no one body or committee, other than the PCC itself, which has significant control or influence, financial or otherwise, over the running of the charity. There are, therefore, no key personnel, other than the trustees as a body.

8 Staff costs

	£	£
Wages and salaries	276,092	274,831
Social security costs	16,559	15,969
Pension costs	6,518	6,206
	<u>299,169</u>	<u>297,006</u>

During the year the PCC employed an average of 1 pioneer minister (2023: 1), 2 youth and children's workers (2023: 2), 8 pre-school staff (2023: 8), 7 administration and support staff (2023: 7), and 1 other (2022: 1), the majority of whom worked part-time.

No Employee received remuneration in excess of £60,000.

9 Pension

The PCC operates defined contribution pension schemes for eligible employees, making payments into the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST). The amount recognised as an expense in the period was £9342 (2023: £6,206).

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Balance Sheet**At 31st December 2024****Fixed assets**

10 Tangible fixed assets

Cost

At 1 January 2024

At 31 December 2024

Depreciation

At 1 January 2024

At 31 December 2024

Net book value

At 1 January 2024

At 31 December 2024

Freehold property comprises:

Oliver Bird Hall, Solihull at cost

Middlewood Close, Solihull at cost

Freehold
property
£Total
2024
£

543,695

543,695

543,695

543,695

543,695

543,695

543,695

543,695

230,551

313,144

543,695

Investment Assets

11 Quoted investments

Market value

At 1 January 2024

Purchased

Sales

Gains/(losses) on realisations and revaluations

At 31 December 2024

2024
£

2,797,721

15,000

-145,219

2,667,502

51,597

2,719,099

2024
£2023
£

Quoted investments comprise:

Central Board of Finance of the Church of England (CBF):

- 99006.67 Investment Fund income shares (Cost £1233400)

- 316,986.92 Property Fund shares (Cost £346,000)

COIF Charities:

- 7662.52 Ethical Investment Fund shares (Cost £20,000)

- 7791.56 Global Equity Fund shares ((Cost £14606)

Total quoted investments

2,286,446

2,383,340

390,497

388,340

23,698

13,327

18,458

12,714

2,719,099

2,797,721

2024
£2023
£

12 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

Income tax recoverable

Prepayments

Other debtors

2,840

9,246

2,097

5,155

37,002

29,451

41,939

43,852

2024
£2023
£

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Accruals

Trade creditors

Other creditors

22,775

21,185

25,750

15,464

117,357

132,721

165,882

169,370

14 Analysis of net assets by type of fund

Unrestricted
FundsRestricted
FundsEndowment
FundsTOTAL FUNDS
2024

2023

£

£

£

£

£

Tangible fixed assets

Investment assets

Current assets

Current liabilities

423,695

120,000

75,403

543,695

543,695

2,496,760

146,936

75,403

2,719,099

2,797,721

747,960

58,680

75,403

806,640

759,520

-274,191

325,616

75,403

-274,191

-169,370

3,394,224

325,616

75,403

3,795,243

3,931,566

14 Analysis of net assets by type of fund

[Comparative figures for 2023]Unrestricted
FundsRestricted
FundsEndowment
FundsTOTAL FUNDS
2023

£

£

£

£

£

Tangible fixed assets

Investment assets

Current assets

Current liabilities

423,695

120,000

73,716

543,695

543,695

2,580,357

143,648

73,716

2,797,721

2,797,721

705,734

53,786

73,716

759,520

759,520

-169,370

317,434

73,716

-169,370

-169,370

3,540,416

317,434

73,716

3,931,566

3,931,566

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15 Movement in Funds	Opening balance £	Incoming £	Gains and Losses £	Fund transfers £	Outgoing £	Closing balance £
(a) Endowment funds						
St Alphege:						
PW Harrison Bequest	73,716	2,046	1,687	-2,046		75,403
Total endowment funds	73,716	2,046	1,687	-2,046		75,403
Two Percy Harrison capital endowment funds arose from his 1967 legacies for non-routine maintenance of the churchyard. They were merged into a single fund in 1998.						
(b) Restricted funds						
St Alphege:						
Fabric Fund	194,731	4,884	3,288			202,903
Small Restricted Funds	2,703	88			-77	2,714
SMBC Grant Fund	120,000					120,000
Total restricted funds	317,434	4,972	3,288		-77	325,617
Restricted funds have been set up to meet a specific purpose. The Fabric Fund exists for the repair and maintenance of the fabric of the Parish Church. The Small Restricted Funds consolidate the New Door and the long-established Holbeche Memorial Fund . The SMBC Grant Fund represents a grant received from Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council towards the cost of the Oliver Bird Hall extension.						
(c) Unrestricted and designated funds						
Parish:						
St Francis Parish Fund	2,425,226	70,588	45,178		-161,292	2,379,700
Parish News	37,831	13,855			-8,159	43,527
Elizabeth Newton Fund	4,214	237				4,451
Staff Housing Fund	311,726	12,051	5,219			328,996
St Alphege Pre-School	78,984	189,576	402		-166,553	102,409
St Alphege:						
Oliver Bird Hall	55,723	63,097			-69,886	48,934
St Alphege Bookstall	9,258	3,203			-1,901	10,560
Organ Repair Fund	87,697	72		1,000	-197	88,572
PW Harrison Bequest	23,138	1,250		2,046		26,434
General Fund(consolidated)	225,623	331,786		-1,000	-490,432	65,977
St Helen's:						
General Fund (consolidated)	139,702	99,144	1,115		-86,897	153,064
St Michael's:						
General Fund (consolidated)	141,294	48,430	2,343		-50,341	141,726
Total unrestricted and designat	3,540,416	833,289	54,257	2,046	-1,035,658	3,394,350
Total Funds	3,931,566	840,307	59,232		-1,035,735	3,795,370

NB: Unrestricted funds can be used for any of the PCC's purposes; **Designated funds** only to the purpose set by the PCC.

Unrestricted funds: -

 The **Parish News** fund is the operating account of the Parish News, the monthly parish magazine.

 The **St Alphege Pre-School** fund is the operating account of the St Alphege Pre-School group.

 The **General Funds** are used for running their day-to-day affairs of the three churches.

 The **Oliver Bird Hall** fund is the operating account of the parish centre.

 The **St Alphege Bookstall** fund is the operating account of the bookstall in St Alphege Church.

Designated funds: -

 The **St Francis Parish Fund** originates from the net proceeds of the sale of the St Francis site. The PCC has designated the fund for parish mission, primarily the children's, youth and pioneer work.

 The **Elizabeth Newton Fund** results from a legacy which has been designated for the benefit of children, families, and young people from the parish.

 The **Staff Housing Fund** generates income which is designated to provide accommodation for ministers and other staff.

 The **Organ Repair Fund** is designated for the maintenance and repair of the organ in St Alphege Church.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

16 Movement in Funds (Comparative figures for 2023)	Opening balance £	Incoming £	Gains and Losses £	Fund transfers £	Outgoing £	Closing balance £
(a) Endowment funds						
St Alphege:						
PW Harrison Bequest	76,121		6,390	-8,795		73,716
Total endowment funds	76,121		6,390	-8,795		73,716
Two Percy Harrison capital endowment funds arose from his 1967 legacies for non-routine maintenance of the churchyard. They were merged into a single fund in 1998.						
(b) Restricted funds						
St Alphege:						
Fabric Fund	177,932	4,348	12,451			194,731
Small Restricted Funds	2,768	59			-124	2,703
SMBC Grant Fund	120,000					120,000
Total restricted funds	300,700	4,407	12,451		-124	317,434
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(c) Unrestricted and designated funds						
Parish:						
St Francis Parish Fund	2,322,651	65,526	142,912	5,325	-111,188	2,425,226
Parish News	33,537	14,109			-9,815	37,831
Elizabeth Newton Fund	4,075	139				4,214
Staff Housing Fund	291,095	10,507	15,449	-5,325		311,726
St Alphege Pre-School	85,102	165,870	1,522	-12,107	-161,403	78,984
St Alphege:						
Oliver Bird Hall	59,233	45,205		12,107	-60,822	55,723
St Alphege Bookstall	8,181	2,506			-1,429	9,258
Organ Repair Fund	3,870	1,026		84,388	-1,587	87,697
PW Harrison Bequest	11,649	2,694		8,795		23,138
General Fund(consolidated)	305,953	372,345		-84,388	-368,287	225,623
St Helen's:						
General Fund (consolidated)	124,088	96,798	2,730		-83,914	139,702
St Michael's:						
General Fund (consolidated)	124,389	51,057	8,872		-43,024	141,294
	3,373,823	827,782	171,485	8,795	-841,469	3,540,416
Total funds (for 2023)	3,750,644	832,189	190,326		-841,593	3,931,566

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The **Organ Repair Fund** is designated for the maintenance and repair of the organ in St Alphege Church.

17 Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities	2024 £	2023 £
Net (expenditure) / income for the period (as per the statement of financial activities)	-136,196	180,922
Adjustments for		
Losses / (Gains) on investments	-57,912	-190,325
Income from investments	-103,871	-101,250
Profit on sale of investments		
Decrease / (Increase) in stocks	-483	-712
Decrease/ (Increase) in debtors	1,913	185,022
Increase in creditors	-3,488	16,779
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	-300,037	90,436
18 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents	2024 £	2023 £
Short term deposits	326,905	305,160
Cash at bank and in hand	326,428	407,806
Total cash and cash equivalents	653,333	712,966