

**THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST BECKFORD, ST BARBARA'S
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restrict ed Funds	Designated Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary income	2	5,021	51,195		56,216	73,230
Activities for generating funds	2		28,907		28,907	11,647
Investment income	2		13,111	1,013	14,124	8,707
Other incoming resources	2	15,555	18,358		33,913	27,428
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		20,576	111,571	1,013	133,160	121,011
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Parish Share			28,563		28,563	28,900
Church running expenses	3	12,233	42,396		54,629	47,187
Charitable activities	3		7,643		7,643	8,825
Other resources expended	3	4,797	6,563		11,360	19,415
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		17,030	85,165		102,195	104,326
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		3,546	26,404	1,013	30,965	16,685
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	8		(4,150)		(4,150)	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		3,546	22,256	1,013	26,815	16,685
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		48,653	247,507	10,228	306,388	287,518
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		52,199	269,763	11,241	333,203	304,203

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	6					
Investments	7		163,957		163,957	102,953
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS			163,957		163,957	102,953
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors and Prepayments			200		200	3,303
Cash on Deposit			66,894	11,241	78,135	138,920
Cash at Bank and in Hand		82,224	40,357		122,581	103,144
Total Current Assets		82,224	107,451	11,241	200,916	245,367
Creditors (less than one year)	9	(30,025)	(1,645)		(31,670)	(44,116)
TOTAL NET CURRENT ASSETS		52,199	105,806	11,241	169,246	201,251
NET ASSETS		52,199	269,763	11,241	333,203	304,203
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		52,199			52,199	29,801
RESTRICTED FUNDS			269,763		269,763	259,283
DESIGNATED FUNDS				11,241	11,241	15,119
TOTAL FUNDS		52,199	269,763	11,241	333,203	304,203

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

Accounting and reporting by charities – statement of recommended practice (SORP 3005) and with the Charities Act.

There have been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to accounts of previous years.

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOMING RESOURCES

Voluntary Income

	2024	2023
Planned giving, gift aid & tax refunds	31,593	33,911
Church Collections	5,069	8,232
Donations	14,366	22,551
Church Fees	5,188	8,536
	<u>56,216</u>	<u>73,230</u>

Activities for generating funds

	2024	2023
Special fund-raising	28,907	11,647

Investment Income

	2024	2023
Dividends and interest	14,124	8,707

Other incoming resources

	2024	2023
Magazine	9,441	0
Other income	11,282	11,988
Grants	3,650	900
Rent of St Nicholas Cottage	9,540	9,540
	<u>33,913</u>	<u>22,428</u>

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3. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED

Church running expenses

	2024	2023
Heating and lighting and insurance	17,907	24,105
Upkeep of services	14,537	3,920
Churchyard expenses	2,031	2,006
Repairs and maintenance	20,154	17,156
	<u>54,629</u>	<u>47,187</u>

Charitable activities

	2024	2023
Donations to charities	3,275	5,038
Fund-raising expenses	4,368	3,786
	<u>7,643</u>	<u>8,825</u>

Other expenses

	2024	2023
Parish office costs	0	3,928
St Nicholas Cottage expenses	1,625	1,961
Other expenses	9,735	13,527
Depreciation of assets	0	0
	<u>11,360</u>	<u>19,415</u>

4. No expenses were paid to any Trustee in the year

5. There are no paid employees

6. There are no longer any Tangible Fixed Assets

7. INVESTMENTS

CBF Investment Funds

	2024	2023
Ashton	17,500	17,500
Beckford	80,702	16,750
Overbury	32,804	32,804
Chapelries	32,951	35,899
TOTAL	<u>163,957</u>	<u>102,953</u>

Investment funds are held as above by the individual Churches

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8. TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS

To pay for common expenses of the groups churches.

9. CREDITORS

The balance sheet shows an adjustment in the BPCC General Fund (30,025) relating to fees owing for Parish Share and fees due for weddings and funerals, now paid.

10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There are five churches in the "group" of parishes:

St John the Baptist – Beckford
St Barbara's – Ashton under Hill
St Faith's – Overbury
St Margaret's – Alstone
St Nicholas, Teddington

These churches keep separate accounts which are consolidated into these "group accounts".

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TREASURER'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2024

Review of the year

Total income has increased by £12,149 however there was a fall in voluntary income of £17,014. It is hoped that registering with the Parish Giving Scheme will boost planned giving and one off donations. The overall increase was due to other income streams (£17K from fundraising, £5.4K from investments and £11.5K from other income). The decrease in voluntary income is worrying and we need to look to ways of increasing these contributions.

Expenditure has fallen slightly by £2,131. Whilst there has been a reduction in heat, light and insurance (£6.2K) repairs and maintenance have increased (£3K). Maintenance charges for the coming year are likely to be significant with three churches undergoing quinquennial inspections.

Overall we have seen a positive net movement in funds of £26,815.

The year has been dominated by issues with Lloyds Bank, our frustrations are now in the hands of the Financial Ombudsman. Inability to access funds in Lloyds Bank has resulted in late payment of liabilities. The PCC is in the process of changing to CAF Bank.

Investments and Reserves policy

Investment fund balances used within the accounts are as per those reported by the individual Treasurers of the respective Churches. The investment policy is to hold our reserves in the form of cash deposits with CBF and with their various investment funds. They are held to meet costs in connection with further maintenance which will be required to keep our churches in an acceptable condition.

St Nicholas Cottage

The cottage has continued to be rented and this rent will be used in the first instance to replenish our depleted reserves. Rental income has remained consistent and is the same as last Year.

NOTE

This is my first year as Treasurer, having taken over from Sharon Denson in April 2024. I would like to express my thanks to Sharon for the smooth hand over and recent assistance in transferring funds from the Lloyds account currently subject to investigation by the Financial Ombudsman.

Helen Wilkes 27 April 2025
Beckford Group Treasurer