



# St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

## **Annual Church Report 2024**



# A CHURCHWARDENS ADDRESS

*During this time of vacancy, it falls upon us, the churchwardens, to pause and reflect on the past year as we share this annual report with the parish.*

*Where do I begin?*

*First and foremost, we offer our sincere gratitude to God, whose guidance and grace sustain our church community. The dedication, faithfulness, and tireless service of so many—our ministry team, church officers, and various groups—shine brightly in the contributions made to this report. Their steadfast commitment is a testament to the love of Christ at work among us.*

*It is fair to say that 2024 has been a year of both challenge and growth. As churchwardens, we have found ourselves on a steep learning curve during this time of transition. Yet, we have never walked this path alone. Through the unwavering support, prayers, and encouragement of our church family, we have felt strengthened, and this season of change has been made lighter.*

*We encourage you to read this report prayerfully, giving thanks to God for all that has been accomplished in His name. Let us lift up in gratitude all who have served, especially the members of our ministry team, including retired clergy who have so generously offered their time and wisdom—Revd. Anita Raggett and Revd. Keith Hine, we thank you.*

*We also give thanks for Revd. Jane, who, in answering God's call, left us in March to take on the role of Archdeacon of Macclesfield. In the wake of her departure, a vacancy group was swiftly formed to discern our way forward, prayerfully crafting a parish profile to seek the shepherd God had prepared for us.*

*Through much work, prayer, and discernment, we are blessed to have found our new leader in Revd. Mark Orrell, who currently serves in parish of St. Helens. We rejoice in the knowledge that he will be joining us in 2025, ready to walk with us into a new chapter of our church's journey.*

*As we step forward in faith, let us embrace the coming year with hope, trusting that God will continue to guide and bless us. May we remain steadfast in our mission, united in His love, and ever grateful for His presence among us.*

*With heartfelt thanks and blessings,*

*Phil Hough*  
**Churchwarden**

# CHURCHWARDENS



## Maintenance Church

The main improvement in church this year has been the installation of a new gas boiler which replaces the one we have had for over 30 years. The other change has been modifying the lighting to LED lights. We have had tiles replaced in the chancel area where the concrete holding the tiles up was failing. This is the same problem we have in the north aisle and will be investigated.

We have had the annual fire extinguisher check with no problems detected. All electrical items have been PAT tested this year.

We had a problem with the mixing desk of the AV system. Unfortunately this had to be replaced as it had completely failed.

In the churchyard we have had to remove a dead tree. Also, we had a tree blown down which had to be removed.

Dan Needham has taken over the role of gardening in the church yard and I think you will agree that he is doing a fantastic job. You may have already met him.

## Church Annexe

The annexe continues to be well used and admired by all those who visit our church. I feel that it has become an asset to *Live at St Wilfrid's*, attracting more people to the concerts because of the facilities we have to offer.

## Parish centre

The gutters have been cleared this year. The ongoing problem with the leak in the roof over the meeting room has been fixed. Sarah Young our Parish Centre Manager has taken on the running of the centre for which we are very grateful.



Grappenhall  
Manor Care  
Home  
Worship

# PASTORAL CARE

Monthly visits to Summerville Care Home with Revd Kate or Gill White continued during 2024. There has been an element of disruption due to staff changes and new management, which has continued to be a little challenging. We remind staff of our visits and this seems to be working well. The residents enjoy our visits and ministry.



Our regular communion and soup lunch for care homes continues. There have been a variety of attendees who have appreciated the chance to visit the church building. Attendance is very dependent on the availability of staff and suitable transport. Steve the Chef at Heathfield Care Home continues to supply homemade soup and we have congregation volunteers who are active in the kitchen and help with socialising with residents at lunch time.

Changes took place when it was announced Revd Jane would become the Archdeacon of Macclesfield. This impacted on the LYCIG provision and Hope Explored Sessions, which have continued at a slower rate than originally anticipated.

During 2024 two Bereavement Sessions of 6 weeks (February and October) took place and were welcomed by a variety of people. I have been encouraged by attendance not only from our church family and parish, but have been asked to include people from other parishes. Volunteers Margaret Eckersley, Stacey Davidson and Carol Harrison have carried out support, care and refreshment provision and I thank them for their commitment.

I have been able to access training and attended a Mental Health conference in May, followed by a Mental Health First Aider course, which informs and supports general pastoral work in church.

Prayer Friends continue to be a valued presence to all in church. We held two services of thanks and praise for prayer friends in the Lady Chapel in March and November. I am thankful for all who contribute to this ministry, particularly Chris Hunter who continues to be a valued and constant presence.

It has been a joy to assist with Easter compline provision, attendance at the Cathedral with the team to collect the blessed oils, walking day activities, contributing to intercessions, leading and occasional preaching, assistance with the chalice, harvest deliveries and the All Souls Service for the bereaved. I have valued and found joy in all these aspects of church life and hope to encourage others to join in.

Creamfields volunteering has been challenging but worth every moment we spend with people requiring support. Working with people from other churches, plus our own team, is adding to the spread of God's work and the formation of positive relationships across the Diocese.

**Margaret Kitchen, Pastoral Worker**

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

## Secretary's Report on the Proceedings of the PCC

The notice convening the Annual Parochial Church Meeting has been displayed in the Church for the relevant period. Since the last APCM on 25th March 2024 up to December 2024 there have been 4 meetings of PCC and 4 meetings of the Standing Committee. On 29th April, at the first PCC meeting after the APCM the following appointments were made:

Chair	Linda Stockton
Vice Chair	Phillip Hough
Treasurer	Charles Jesudason
Secretary	Marjorie Cassin
Thanksgiving Officer	Geraint Williams
Deputy Wardens	None
Electoral Roll Officer	Alan Hunter
Safeguarding Officer	Stacey Davidson
Data Protection Administrator	Gill White
Trustee to Warrington CofE	
Educational Trust	John Bygate



There being no changes the sidespersons were re-elected en bloc

It has been quite a different year without the leadership of Rev'd Jane, but the Ministry Team have done a wonderful job steering us through. After Rev'd Kate was priested on 15th June she was able to administer Holy Communion and we have also been blessed to have had the assistance of retired priest Rev Anita Raggett, and so it is a big thank you to all of them for their dedication and leadership.

The PCC usually meets bi-monthly and the Standing Committee meets in the alternative months. The meetings commence with a short act of worship followed by discussion, focusing on a particular subject. Amongst these have been the vacancy, volunteering/fundraising, church maintenance and the Christmas Fayre. We also receive regular reports on the church finances, church fabric, pastoral care, Eco-church, Safeguarding, Electoral Roll, Live at St Wilfrid's, Deanery Synod and Bridgewater Churches Together. During the year and due to pressure of work, Stacey Davidson unfortunately tendered her resignation as Safeguarding Officer and PCC member. Many thanks to Stacey for the work she has put into updating the system in line with the Diocesan requirements. Alison Collins, who had previous safeguarding experience, volunteered and was subsequently appointed and has attended the Diocesan Training course. A small committee was formed to draft our Parish Profile, giving an insight of St Wilfrid's to prospective applicants for the position of Rector. The Venerable Mike Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester attended one of our meetings and advised on the way forward.

## PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) cont...

He told PCC to choose two members to represent them during the process of choosing a new Rector. A vote subsequently took place and Phil Hough and Geraint Williams were appointed. A big thank you to Phil and Geraint for all their hard work, thoughts and prayers during this process. As a consequence we all look forward to meeting Rev Mark Orrell and his family after his induction on 28th May.

We are always looking for volunteers to help, may be on a Sunday morning with coffee, may be in the churchyard or with ideas for fundraising. Lots of things go on in the background - our church is clean and tidy, thanks mainly to only two volunteers, but we need more.

We had a successful Walking Day/Summer Fair and Christmas Fayre, and it was good to see the School and Church working together, raising much needed funds which were shared equally between the Church and School.

In November, we received our Eco-Church silver award, many thanks to Jenny Pearce for steering us towards this. We are thankful for those volunteers who tend our churchyard and feed our birds. During the year, the School also installed a bee-hive in the churchyard and have been successfully producing and selling honey.

**Marjorie Cassin      Hon Sec – PCC**



Archdeacon Mike with members of the PCC

# Live at St Wilfrid's



We reverted to our usual programme of 8 concerts, mixing returning favourites with first time visitors to St Wilfrid's.

A welcome and overdue return of the Warrington Male Voice Choir opened the season, bringing in their many supporters.

The March recital was the first of its kind where pianist Duncan Glenday played pieces linked to evocative 'postcards' displayed on the church screens.

April saw the return of the Manchester piano trio who entertained us with a very tuneful programme ranging from Borodin to the Beatles via Piazzolla.

A quite unusual and very polished brass quartet gave our May concert. Their unique and mellow sound was all the more enjoyable as many of the pieces had been arranged by members of the quartet.

The June performers, selected by Jane Proudfoot, were the all-female Dolce String Quartet. Although technically excellent, the ladies seemed to be slightly disconnected from the audience since their main activity is playing at wedding receptions where they don't really get much audience reaction or feedback!

After the summer break, we welcomed back Meera Maharaj on flute, this time paired with Lucy Nolan on harp. Meera has played at several previous St Wilfrid's concerts in support of the Warrington Foodbank.

October provided a throwback to the Elizabethan era with a virtuoso performance of 16th century dance and ballad music by the PIVA collective. Their 'Gloriana' programme brought into play a wide and fascinating range of instruments and narrative to give context to the music.

November led to a major upset when the National Youth Jazz Orchestra, without notice, couldn't fulfil their booking. The hole was plugged by the Swing Kings who can fortunately field an ensemble at short notice.

Overall, a successful season with both online and card ticket purchase proving increasingly popular.

**Alan Hunter**



Dolce Strings



Warrington Male Voice Choir

# ST WILFRID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

2024 was another great year at St. Wilfrid's! We have continued to adapt and change our curriculum so that it meets the individual needs of our learners and develops a real love of learning within our pupils which we hope will stay with them as they leave our school and continue their educational journey into high school and beyond.

There were many highlights in 2024 including Aspirations Week. Many of our parents and people from our local community came into school in October to talk about their careers. They talked to the children about the challenges they faced to reach their goals, their commitment and motivation and what they love about their jobs. The aim of this special week was to hopefully inspire our children to follow their dreams and to choose a career that is not only rewarding but one which will make a positive difference to the lives of others.

'The school's strong personal development offer helps pupils to thrive in various leadership roles. For example, the sports crew are on a mission to introduce pupils to new sports with the hope that they then take them up outside of school. The ethos group felt empowered when they recently interviewed for a parish vacancy. Older pupils talk fondly of their experiences visiting the local care home to join in with activities or share songs with the residents. Pupils are very well prepared for their later life. They aspire to become positive, caring members of society.' OFSTED 2024

This quote is taken from our latest OFSTED report which took place right at the end of the year. We were delighted that OFSTED recognised how brilliant our children are and that they 'Let their light shine for others to see' every single day.



Children taking care of the bees in the Churchyard



Children meeting the Police during aspirations work

*'Learning  
through fun,  
faith and  
friendship'*



**'Let your light shine for others  
to see' Matthew 5 14-15**

# Sustainability / Eco Church

We were pleased to report at the end of 2024 we achieved the accreditation level of Silver. This was thanks to lots of incremental actions by lots of people. Chester Diocese is now encouraging a network of ecochurches, to share experiences and learn from each other. Our Birdwatch at the start of the year recorded a gratifying increase in species. Generally, we find woodland rather than garden birds in the churchyard. Terry, a local birdwatcher, very helpfully guided us in finding and identifying the birds that landed to enjoy the food in our increasing number of feeders. Thank you to everyone who quietly donated feeders and nestboxes. Thank you also to the volunteers who kept the feeders topped up throughout the year.

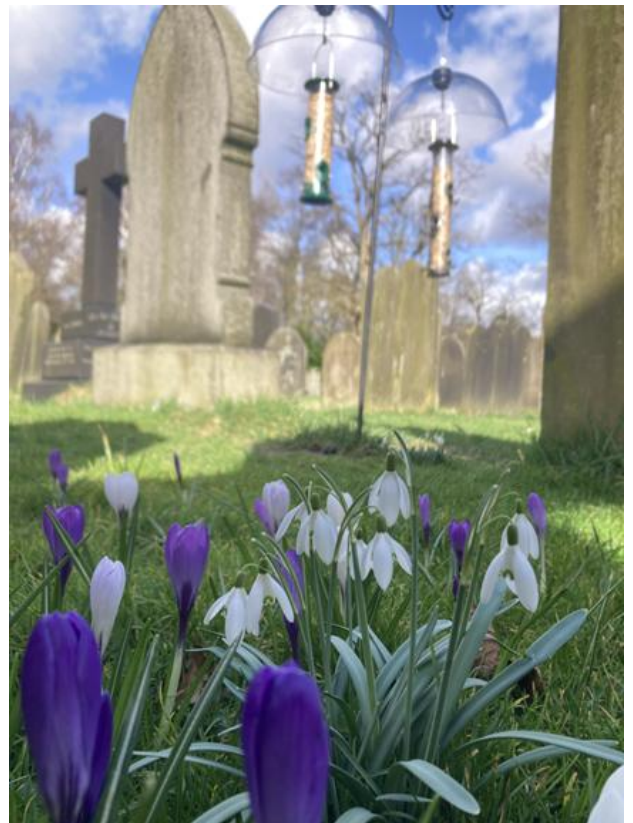
St Wilfrid's Primary School beekeepers had a very successful first year of operation in the churchyard. The nectar that their bees collected from all our flowers made a wonderfully flavoursome honey, which was on sale at the Christmas Fair.

Dan Needham has continued to look after our churchyard in a sympathetic manner. A range of volunteers have given their support to making our grounds an attractive venue for both people and wildlife. The new water butt captures rainwater from the Tower roof and makes it available for watering flowerbeds and to help people who wish to water flowers that they are placing on a grave.

Ian and I took part in the Summer Fair, where our tent got quite a lot of visitors. We built links with Parish Councillors, Cub Scout leaders and various people from the school, who all looked in to see what we were exhibiting about biodiversity.

Both the Ministry team and the Flower team created a very memorable Harvest Service, where we were reminded of the good things all around us that come from heaven above. The video of a local farmer harvesting his crop brought it home to us all, that we rely on farmers doing God's work to bring us our daily bread. The farmer's children certainly enjoyed recognising their Dad on our big screens. The regular monthly column in the Church Magazine has been enjoyed as a way of learning a little more about how we can improve our stewardship of the Earth. At a time when misinformation can spread so easily, it is good to open our eyes to see for ourselves what is happening around us, and what we can do to make it a better place.

**Jenny Pearce**



# Parish Centre

The total income for the Parish Centre in 2024 was £23,128, an increase of just under £1000 on 2023. We lost one of our regular hirers due to a downturn in their business but we took on two new weekly hirers. We also decreased our expenses by £3800 compared to the year before.



One of our long-term hirers at the hall

The ground at the back of the car park has been earmarked for wildflower planting and a bug hotel has been installed. New security lighting was installed outside the Parish Centre to increase visibility for those hirers leaving the hall after dark.

The Christmas Market, held inside the large room as part of the Christmas Fayre was a success. Traders have enquired about other events taking part through the year. It has been suggested that we should look at using the large room and meeting room on a Saturday, quarterly, to hold an artisan farmers market.



A children's party being held at the hall



The Christmas market held in December

The hall continues to be a popular venue for children's parties with many families from the school using the space to host their celebrations.

# SAFEGUARDING

Stacey Davidson took up the role of PSO in July 2024 but stepped down and Alison Collins took over the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer in January 2025. She and various clergy and bell ringing teachers have recently completed safeguarding leadership training. Additionally, all PCC members are mandated to undertake safeguarding training.

Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs) play a vital role in ensuring that churches are safe, inclusive spaces for everyone. They act as the key link between the parish and the diocese on safeguarding matters, helping to implement policies and best practices at the local level. Their responsibilities include:

- Supporting the Parochial Church Council (PCC) in fulfilling its safeguarding duties.
- Ensuring that all church activities involving children and vulnerable adults are conducted safely.
- Facilitating safeguarding training for staff and volunteers.
- Responding to safeguarding concerns and liaising with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team when necessary.

This role is both proactive—promoting a culture of safety—and responsive, addressing specific concerns as they arise. It's a cornerstone of fostering trust and well-being within church communities.

If anybody wishes to make contact to discuss issues of concern, in the strictest of confidence, there are several alternative ways to consider:

1. making contact via the Church Office to ask for a PSO referral,
2. by speaking to a member of the ministry team, and
3. via a dedicated email address that is regularly monitored by the PSO, it is:

[Safeguardingstwilfrids0405@btinternet.com](mailto:Safeguardingstwilfrids0405@btinternet.com)

**Alison Collins**  
**Parish Safeguarding Officer**



# Music at St Wilfrid's

## Church Choir

2024 has been an interesting year as the choir has been able to offer music to accompany the liturgy and of course lead the worship hymns. A big thank you to Gill and the worship team during the interregnum. We are looking forward to the start of the new incumbent and hope for a broader selection of music for worship.

The church musicians' concert for Janes' last week at St Wilfrid's was very well attended and included all sections of musicians including the bell ringers. It would be good to maintain this as a sharing of our musical talent here at St Wilfrid's when the diary allows.

A disappointing report from the Organ builders has highlighted a major repair and maintenance issue with the organ over baptistry, the cost of which is huge. In due course some major decisions will have to be made as to the fate of the instrument. The choir continue to meet weekly and lead our Sunday services alongside the other musicians.

## Guy Pomfret, Organist and Musical Director

Phil and I have enjoyed contributing to the music at St Wilfrid's again this year. We have been able to introduce some different songs into our worship as well as accompanying the congregation for the more traditional hymns. We generally play for the Family Praise services and really love being able to add to the joyful atmosphere of these services.

One highlight of the year was playing for the dawn watch on Easter Sunday - it's such a special way to celebrate the day. Although we have had a little break for the past couple of months, we are looking forward to playing again very soon!

## Helen & Phil

Nikki and I have been privileged once again to be able to contribute to the music programme for the church throughout this past year.

Family communion and family praise have been our most frequent services. To be able to choose music that complements the different types of worship has been so rewarding, ranging from solemn to reflective, to quite jazzy at times. Our favourite services remain the same. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Longest night service. These are beautiful services, and we love being a part of them.

## Pip & Nikki



# Christening Team

"We had the most wonderful day celebrating the christening of our special boy Ronnie. The church was beautiful and the service was absolutely lovely. We are so thrilled to be welcomed into such a lovely church community."

"What a beautiful service, Christina really enjoyed her special day. Everyone was very proud to see her become part of the Christian faith. Thank you all for welcoming our family and friends and making her day as wonderful as she is to all of us."

Christenings are always joyful services and for the 31 babies and children baptised at St Wilfrid's in 2024, and for their families and friends, they were indeed very special occasions.

Prior to the Christenings, the monthly Christening Preparation evenings provided an opportunity for parents to think about why they wanted their children to be baptised, to look at the Christening service, to meet members of the Christening team and talk to other families whose children were also being baptised at St Wilfrid's.

Gill's work as Parish Administrator meant that she handled all Christening requests and arrangements and ensured that all went smoothly. Screening of the service meant Linda continued her sterling work on "console duty" and Phil made sure there was water in the font and anointing oil on the lectern. Carolyn and I continued to welcome families to the service, read the Bible passage and lead the prayers. And thanks go to Rev'd Kate, Rev'd Anita and Rev'd Keith for officiating after Rev'd Jane's promotion. After the service families were invited to send a photo of their child's christening and write a few words for inclusion in the parish magazine and we're delighted that there was a good response in 2024. Those who had been baptised in 2023 received a specially designed card on the first anniversary of their christening and were invited back to church for Family Praise when they were named in the intercessions.

As always, those to be christened were named in the intercessions for that particular Sunday. And our prayer, both throughout 2024 and now is that with the support and encouragement of our church family, these children continue to grow in faith.

**Chris Hunter**



# Grants and Facilities

The primary project in 2024 was replacement of the Church heating boiler and associated safety works. Chester Diocese's heating advisor raised multiple objections to St Wilfrid's replacing our 30 and 20+ year old gas boilers with a single, more efficient gas boiler. It was eventually agreed, following advice from Manchester Diocese's heating advisor, that we can move to a hybrid heating system of electrically powered heating working with gas powered heating, to provide a satisfactory level of affordable heating, even on very cold days. Full implementation of the electrical elements awaits resolution of supply and funding issues. The new boiler is now installed, and we expect to see a significant reduction in gas usage and costs for Church heating. Our other project, to reduce our now doubled energy bills, was to implement LED lighting to replace the over 30 years old halogen lights. This should save thousands of pounds on electrical charges, as some lights need to be on every day for at least 7 hours to enable people to safely visit the building.

Most grant funders will not even consider applications until all of the approvals such as Planning Permission and Faculty have been achieved. The protracted delays, of nearly a year, that we experienced in getting faculty approval for the heating boiler replacement, seriously reduced our grant applications in 2024.

We did receive funding of £1,750 from Benefact for the heating project. An application to the Co-op Community fund for promotion of biodiversity in the Churchyard was also successful and we have been promised at least £500 in both March and October. HM Government has recently announced that it plans to cease refunding VAT under the Listed Places of Worship grant scheme on or before March 2026. These VAT refunds have been very valuable to St Wilfrid's, over £5,000 in 2024, so we must plan to complete as much as possible of priority building improvements before this capped funding support is withdrawn.

**Jenny Pearce**



Easter Celebrations

# Women's Group

St Wilfrid's Women's Group continues to flourish with a slightly increased membership and with attendance at most meetings often over 30. Our current membership stands at 50 and afternoon meetings seem popular with the Group.



2024 saw us change our venue for our Annual Lunch to Lymm Golf Club - we were delighted with both the welcome, the food and the venue.

We had talks on a variety of topics including Creamfields, the first Mersey Road Tunnel and an outing to Trentham Gardens.

We reconvened in September with Holy Communion and our AGM. October and November saw us welcome Margaret Holbrook with her talk on English Fairy Tales and then an intriguing demonstration by Tigermuffin Soaps. 2024 drew to a close with our Christmas get together - this year David Hearn entertained us with a talk on Christmas around the World and he brought homemade panforte which went down well as did the mince pies, mulled wine, snacks and chocolates!!

**Barbara Wild**

## St Wilfrid's Friendship Group

St Wilfrid's church Friendship group is a lively, supportive group of people who meet monthly for lunch. This group has evolved from the original bereavement support group. As Margaret Kitchen, the Pastoral Care worker for our church, has now developed a Bereavement cafe for recently bereaved people we have continued as a Friendship group for anyone who shows an interest after attending the Bereavement cafe or anyone who finds themselves on their own for various reasons.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month, 12 midday for lunch at the Rams Head in Grappenhall village. There is usually about 12 people who come along and there is no need to book.

Thanks to our church for their support and to Margaret who is always there for any advice and support.

If you wish to know more about our group, please contact the church office.

Group organiser

Carol Harrison

# BELLRINGERS



The bells were rung for 55 services during 2024 with just 3 occasions when 10 bells were not rung. This is better than last year mainly due to 3 learners graduating to Sunday Service ringing and 3 ready-made ringers joining us. We now have approximately 20 ringers available for Sunday ringing and a few more for practice nights. The tower is always pretty busy, and it keeps our Ringing Master (Nick Thomson) very busy trying to cope with the varied experience levels and giving everyone a fair crack at the whip on the end of a rope in the short time we have available for practice. Emily Cross, one of our young ringers, was crowned Rose Queen for 2024 and a Quarter peal was rung to celebrate the occasion.

Our new bells (if 5 years old is still new) still attract visitors on a practice night and we usually welcome between 2 and 4 visitors each week. Some of these visitors help our band to make progress with our 10 bell ringing repertoire. We have also welcomed visiting bands coming to ring socially (usually for up to an hours ringing), or to ring Quarter Peals (QPs) (45mins of continuous ringing) or even full Peals (3hrs of continuous ringing). There were 38 QPs rung in 2024, mostly by the local band. Nick Thomson rang 152 QPs in 2024 (on both tower bells and hand bells) making him joint 31st leading QP ringer in the country (I think that should be world). 9 Full Peals were rung, mostly by visiting ringers, although a couple of our band did take part in the odd one.

Stockton Heath still benefit from our ringers strengthening their band for both Sunday Service and practice night ringing. Stretton also benefit from our ringers helping out on some practice nights. Nick arranges special practices there once a month aimed at helping to progress less experienced ringers in basic method ringing. This benefits Stretton, Stockton Heath and Grappenhall bands who attend in both learner and helper roles. QPs are also arranged there, some for Stretton ringers and some for our ringers and friends to stretch their abilities. Hand bell ringing is regularly practiced by some of our band and resulted in a performance at the Music Festival held for Rev'd Jane's leaving. Tower events are regularly reported in the Parish Magazine under the title Up the Spiral Staircase penned by Nick. We hosted the Chester Guild AGM in May, the service being conducted by our curate, the Rev'd Kate Pwaisiho.



## BELLRINGERS

A band was entered in the Mid Branch 6-bell Striking Competition held at Stretton and were placed 1st, this meant we represented Mid Branch in the Chester Guild comp held at Disley, where we again triumphed. 4 of our band represented Mid Branch in the Guild 8-bell competition held at Daresbury, the band being placed 1st, and 3 of our band represented Mid in the Guild 10-bell competition held at Oxton and were placed 1st. Thus, all 3 trophies resided in Grappenhall tower for part of 2024.



If anyone would like to come and see us ringing and see the new bells, please get in touch with us. New ringers would be most welcome to come and help us keep St Wilfrid's loudest voice heard across the parish. No experience necessary as training will be given.

**Mike Thomson**  
**Tower Captain**



## Pre-School Praise

Pre-school Praise is held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. We have songs, stories, craft and snacks and lots of fun. Our services have been led by Rev Jane, Gill, or Rev Kate. We were sad to say goodbye to Reverend Jane but she left with a beautiful leaving card from all the children and our love and best wishes. During the past year we have thanked God for Eyes, Books, Autumn, Bread, Harvest, Trees, Friends, Little Creatures, Rain, Peace, Baby Jesus, Frost and Snow, Pancakes, our Mums and Easter. We enjoyed our Christmas party where we had snacks and lots of fun!

The children this year are quite young, ranging from new babies to 4 year olds. Our numbers are steadily growing and we appreciate the help that the parents, grandparents and carers give us.

The highlight of the year was the graduation service, held in July before the whole congregation on a Sunday morning, when we present the children who are moving on to school with a memorable book and our very best wishes and prayers. The children really enjoyed singing their special songs for everyone!

Pre-school Praise is a great way to introduce little children to God, Jesus and our church family!

**Anne Young & Gill White**

# BIBLE STUDY GROUP



St. Wilfrid has been utilizing 'The Chosen Series' as a form of Bible study for our congregation. It has been a wonderful experience to watch each episode together with fellow members of the church community, followed by enriching discussions.

This format has allowed for meaningful fellowship and deeper connections as we explore the life of Jesus.

Held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the church annex, participants have had the opportunity to deeply engage with the key themes and characters through this Bible study series.

The study focuses on Jesus' call to His disciples, His miraculous works, His compassion, and the radical transformation He offers to all who follow Him.

Each session blends key teachings from Scripture with insights drawn from the episodes, providing a holistic experience that encourages personal growth, understanding, and a closer relationship with Christ. The conversations sparked by the episodes have allowed participants to reflect on their own faith journeys and have fostered a deeper appreciation for the teachings of Jesus.

**Rev'd Kate Pwaisiho**

## FOODBANK

It has been a very challenging year for Foodbank. They have more demands on their food supplies than ever. There was a point earlier in the year when shelves in their warehouse which previously had always been full were starting to look empty. The support of our congregation and local community has been outstanding. Especially in the present economic when all households have their own pressures on their finances. We have had two main Foodbank services where this generosity has been seen. One being our Harvest service and the other being specifically a Foodbank service in November. At the November service we collected more Christmas based food items. I, on behalf of this very worthwhile charity, say thank you to all who keep Foodbank in their thoughts when shopping.

**Linda Stockton**



## ADMIN TEAM

2024 has been a challenging year in the church office. The beginning of the year heralded news of Rev'd Jane's appointment as the Archdeacon of Macclesfield. The church office was a hive of activity as we transitioned from supporting the Rector to taking on extra roles to cover the vacancy once Jane left our midst.

I am very fortunate in having 3 volunteers who assist me, sharing the highs and lows of parish life, amongst the fundraising preparation and seasonal liturgy and resources and general parish ministry. They willingly take on any pressing task, with love and enthusiasm for which I appreciated greatly.

I cannot thank them enough for their time, support and dedication in helping the Church Office run smoothly as we continue to serve, managing phone calls and direct enquiries.

**Gill White, Church Administrator** *along with our regular volunteers*

*Margaret Hale, Eileen Waddell, and Ken Southward.*

## PRAYER FRIENDS

*"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed". James 5:16*

*"Pray without ceasing". 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

And that is what Prayer Friends have been doing throughout 2024.

Prayer Friends are members of St Wilfrid's congregation who pray regularly and faithfully for those who have asked for our prayers for any reason whatsoever. All information is given in strict confidence and remains confidential.

Throughout 2024 we have continued to receive many requests, either personally or through St Wilfrid's Church website, from people facing health concerns or who are troubled or anxious for themselves or a loved one. Many people also left requests on the prayer tree and in the little books at the back of church as they came to light a candle for a loved one or themselves and these requests were offered on their behalf at Monday Morning Prayer.

We met together in the spring and autumn of 2024 to give thanks to each other and to God for our Prayer Friends' continued support.

If you feel that God is calling you to share in this particular prayer ministry then please do get in touch with myself, Margaret Kitchen or Gill at the Parish Office.

**Chris Hunter**



# MAGAZINE

2024 The magazine, continues to give regular seasonally appropriate articles and contributions from our community groups, along with our regular features. Our Ministry Team kindly took on the 'Rector's letter' page after Rev'd Jane moved on to her new role, giving us a variety of different reflections to lead us seasonally through the year.

We have lost a few of our regular advertisers but have gained new ones over the course of the year and continue to encourage local businesses to contribute.

New regular contributors are encouraged and welcomed to add to our monthly updates.

**Gill White**



Confirmation June 2024

# FLOWER TEAM

As always our talented flower team have produced some beautiful arrangements to celebrate the various ecumenical seasons of the year.

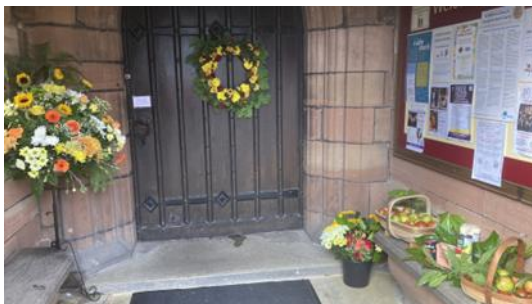
Our flower team now consists of 10 regular members and Diane, who is a neighbour of Anne Ongley's, who will help us out on the big festivals of Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, and Christmas. Heather has recruited her daughter Emily to assist her as Jackie Acton had to step down due to family commitments. We work in pairs and so consequently decorate the church once every 5 weeks. On Mothering Sunday primrose plants were distributed by the Rose Queen, our Village Prince and their retinues to all the ladies in the congregation.

In April we were delighted to decorate the church to celebrate the promotion of our dear Reverend Jane who became the Archdeacon of Macclesfield. Although we will all miss her we wish her well in her new post.

Harvest time food was collected and donated to the Warrington Food bank and the team decorated the window ledges with flowers and food gifts which were taken to members of the community that were housebound, sick or bereaved. For Remembrance Sunday members of our team decorated the Church and a large cross was placed outside to be decorated with poppies. At Christmas time the usual 50 wreaths were decorated and sold to raise church funds by the team. The team decorated the church with seasonal arrangements of red gold and white flowers and the tree was lit up to add the final touch.

We are a friendly group of ladies who take pleasure in having the privilege and enthusiasm to enhance our beautiful church. We would welcome any new recruits –no experience necessary! Please contact Gill or any member of the flower team.

**Anne Young**  
**Flower Team Co-ordinator**



# GOD'S GARDENERS

This has been a challenging year for gardeners with such inclement weather but with such a committed team we have continued to keep the Peace Garden and Remembrance Garden tidy and have been able to create new borders. The border under the tower at the front of church is looking good now, as the flowering shrubs are settling in nicely.

Dan has been contracted to work in the church yard, cutting the grass and general maintenance so it is great working with him. He is doing a fantastic job which makes our gardening much easier with everyone having the same idea of working towards biodiversity and looking to encourage the birds, butterflies 🦋 and bees 🐝. Dan has produced some great compost which has been spread over our beds and borders.

Jenny who is the church Eco Leader has also been sharing her ideas. Jenny has been successful in raising funds for our team through the Co-op's fundraising scheme which has enabled us to purchase a second water butt.

The gardening team is small but dedicated, everyone's ideas and the work they do is valued. We really appreciate the positive comments from folks walking through the church yard and from our church family. Also, thanks to Barbara Stewart who has taken over looking after the bird feeders and putting up bird houses around the church yard. At the Big bird watch amongst other birds a tree creeper was spotted.

As we go forward into the new year it's great to work together with Dan, Jenny and also Sarah who helps and support us in looking after the land at the rear of the Parish Centre. Can we also say thank you to the people who tend their loved one's graves and do some tidying up, every little job is appreciated in making our church grounds a place of sanctuary and peace, to be able to think of lost loved ones or just walk through or sit and immerse yourself in God's creation. Nature is a wonderful healer. The early spring flowers snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils looking delightful.

Lastly thank you to the PCC for their ongoing support.

If anyone is interested in helping out please get in touch with the church office for details.

**Carol Harrison & God's Gardeners**

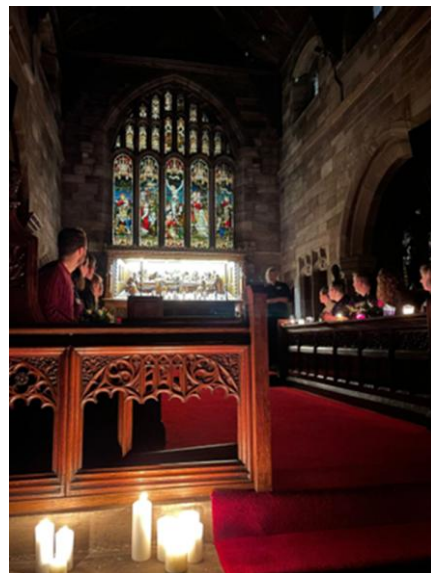


# Fair Trade Stall

Fairly traded goods provide a fair price to poorer communities in the developing world, the income from sales helping to support those communities with education provision and healthcare. We see it as part of our Christian life to support Warrington's status as a Fair-Trade town by organising a Fair-Trade stall most Sundays of the year after the 10:00 service. The stall always attracts attention and during 2024 we sold over £1,000 of goods, including tea, coffee, chocolate and a variety of jams, honey and savoury sauces. Easter Eggs and Advent Calendars were popular items again and the stall offered the opportunity to buy a variety of Christian Christmas and Easter cards.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us by buying from the stall or from the Warrington Fair4All stall in the market which supplies all our stock. If anyone would like to join us in running the stall on an occasional basis, please do let us know.

## The Williams family



## All out for Love

The "All Out for Love" evening was held in February for nine couples who were to be married at St Wilfrid's in 2024. As always, this was a wonderful evening of fellowship, celebration and practical support where the nine couples could meet each other and their wedding coordinators over a glass of fizz and a light supper. In a more practical part of the evening, they sat together with their wedding coordinator to fill in the paperwork, talk about plans and get any help they need on readings, music or flowers. Rev'd Jane took them through the wedding service and explained what it is to be married in the sight of God. The evening ended in a very special event in church where each couple lit a candle with their names on. The candle was kept in church until their wedding day when it was lit again during the service as a symbol of two lives becoming one.

## BRIDGEWATER CHURCHES TOGETHER (BCT)

St Wilfrid's is a member of BCT, an umbrella group of churches of all denominations in the local area. There are 4 Ecumenical Services held throughout the year when each church takes a turn to host. These are the Week of Christian Unity held in January, Good Friday (an open-air service held on Victoria Square in Stockton Heath) which in 2024 was led by Rev'd Jane and St Wilfrid's Ministry Team. Due to the closeness of dates, the Christian Aid and Pentecost service was combined and held at Hill Cliffe Baptist Church. In addition, there is also a Christmas Carol Service held in St Thomas' Church, led by a different church each year and last Christmas it was the turn of Stockton Heath Methodist and Rev'd Jerrey Tresise.

St Thomas held an 80th D-Day Commemoration on Thursday 6th June at the War Memorial followed by a service in the Church. There was also a Songs of Praise held in St Thomas's Church as part of Stockton Heath Festival

Stockton Heath Methodist Church held a Peace Vigil for Israel and Palestine on Saturday 12th October 10am-12noon when people could drop in any time..

St Matthew's Church, Stretton held a service for World Mental Health Day for Gt Budworth Deanery on Thursday 10th October.

During the year, changes in clergy took place - Rev Gill Younger retired from All Saints, Daresbury and Rev'd Stuart McPhail left Hill Cliffe Baptist Church to go to a church in Partington.

Each church makes a small annual financial contribution to BCT, and collections taken at Ecumenical Services are usually donated to local charities ie Warrington Foodbank, St Joseph's Centre and Christian Aid. BCT supports the Creamfields Festival and Broomfields Youth Project who work along side the High School. BYP meet in "The Shack", a building on the Broomfields School site which serves a great demand, especially on Friday nights and due to the high attendance, they are looking for funding to add a second floor to the building.

**Marjorie Cassin - Hon Sec**



# DEANERY SYNOD

We are part of the Great Budworth Deanery, and contribute to the Great Budworth Deanery Synod.

The Deanery Synod is made up of representatives of each parish. Lay members are elected at Annual Parochial Church Meetings, and all clergy members licensed to work in the deanery are also members. The synod discusses issues that affect the deanery, looks to encourage connectedness and community among the parishes, and promotes the church's mission in the deanery. It acts as an intermediary between the PCCs and the Diocesan Synod, and elects representatives to the Diocesan Synod and General Synod.

There were three Deanery Synod meetings in 2024. Prior to the first meeting Revd Jane relinquished her role of Rural Dean as a result of her promotion to Archdeacon of Macclesfield. Rev Bev Jameson from St Mary's Lymm was Acting Rural Dean for the first meeting, and confirmed in role subsequently.

- The March 2024 meeting was at Christ Church, Latchford. The main business of the meeting was a presentation by Jon Pocock, who has been appointed as "Strategic Programme Director" of the Diocese. Since then, he has set up Four Working groups to develop strategy in defined areas and launch projects. Some of these projects are now running, but in the meantime, Churches are encouraged to develop their own initiatives.
- The July 2024 meeting was held at St. Thomas's, Stockton Heath. There was no external speaker. Instead, the meeting largely consisted of updates on various initiatives and a report from the Rural Dean.
- October's meeting was at St Matthew's Stretton. There was no external speaker. The Rural Dean's report was mainly about pressures caused by vacancies in the Deanery. The meeting then broke into group working to discuss ways of meeting the challenges this caused, and the discussions captured good practices and possible ways to help Churches through these times.

Geraint Williams





Sharing the love of Jesus



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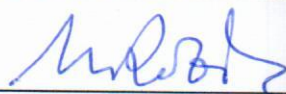
# St Wilfrid's Church Income Annual Summary MFA 2024

MF, MFA Income Nominal Cod, MFA Income Description

		2022	2023	2024
Tax Efficient Giving		£69,658	£70,006	£61,861
0101	Bank - Gift Aid	£46,162	£49,904	£52,773
0105	Donation - Annexe	£10,400	£15,500	£5,000
0201	Envelopes - Gift Aid	£11,280	£3,366	£2,580
0203	Envelopes - Gift Aid - Baptism	£1,817	£380	£910
0204	Envelopes - Gift Aid Flowers			£180
0301	Loose Plate Collections - Sumup - Gift Aid		£857	£418
Other Planned Giving (Non Gift Aid)		£4,175	£10,595	£9,826
0102	Bank - Non-Gift Aid	£2,931	£8,641	£9,311
0202	Envelopes - Non-Gift Aid	£1,174	£1,899	£456
0205	Friends of St Wilfrid's	£70	£55	£60
Collections At Services		£12,864	£12,271	£10,767
0302	Loose Plate Collections - Sumup		£6,282	£5,477
0303	Loose Plate Collections - Service	£12,864	£5,989	£5,290
All Other Giving (Recurring And One Off)		£13,720	£10,414	£10,279
0103	Donations, Appeals etc	£7,906	£3,700	£173
0104	Donations - Special Collections	£2,400	£1,900	£1,550
0401	Gift days - Children's Society	£1,131		£708
0402	Gift days - Christian Aid		£1,542	£583
0403	Gift days - Christingle	£533		£30
0404	Gift days - Creamfields	£2,173	£8,310	£540
0451	Giving - Church boxes	£1,336	£1,250	£1,316
0452	Giving - Coffee	£294	£1,506	£1,369
0453	Giving - Churchyard Donations	£2,776	£1,810	£1,531
0454	Giving - Flower donations	£1,170	£895	£840
0901	Project - Church Extension Annexe	-£6,000	-£10,500	£2,000
0904	Project - Lighting			-£360
Gift Aid Recovered		£16,806	£15,119	£13,967
1101	Tax Recoverable - Gift Aid	£14,568	£15,119	£13,967
1102	Tax Recoverable - VAT	£2,238		
Legacies Received (Capital Value)		£1,000	£1,000	£52,701
Grants (Recurring And One Off)		£33,893	£3,962	£7,297
0651	Grants - Recovering & LPW	£33,893	£2,945	£5,547
0652	Grants - Non-recovering & One-off		£1,017	£1,750
Activities For Generating Funds		£18,720	£23,514	£30,213
0501	Events - Christmas Fayre	£12,948	£13,369	£9,629
0502	Events - Annexe & Church	£1,249	£773	
0503	Events - General	£4,523	£3,567	£15,066
0504	Events - Harvest Supper		£929	£958
0505	Events - Walking Day		£4,876	£4,560
Income From Investments		£1,493	£771	£4,295
0751	Dividend - CCLA	£837	£771	£1,867
0752	Interest - CCLA	£656		£2,429
Church Activities - Statutory Fees		£28,660	£27,003	£35,889
0601	Fees received - Weddings	£8,180	£1,352	£4,680
0602	Fees received - Funerals	£20,481	£12,553	£21,075
0603	Fees received - Other		£13,098	£10,134
Church Activities - Gross Income From Trading		£22,888	£25,598	£22,260
0701	Hire, Lettings - Annexe	£220	£330	£250
0702	Hire, Lettings - Parish Centre	£19,425	£22,150	£18,684
0851	Magazine Income - Advertising	£480	£170	£534
0852	Magazine Income - Sales	£2,680	£2,816	£2,792
0853	Book Stall Sales	£83	£132	
Other Incoming Resources				£581
0753	Insurance claims			£581
		£223,878	£200,254	£259,936

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Date:

25th FEB 2025

# St Wilfrid's Church Expenditure Annual Summary MFA

MFA Ex  MFA Non MFA Expenditure Description	2022	2023	2024
Fund Raising Activities (Costs And Payments)	£8,153	£16,606	£17,199
1610 Events - Annexe	£805		
1620 Events - Christmas Fayre	£3,238	£10,613	£8,922
1630 Events - Harvest Supper		£420	
1640 Events - General	£4,004	£4,047	£8,277
1650 Events - Walking Day	£106	£1,526	
Church Activities-Mission Giving And Donations	£4,144	£11,462	£4,244
1810 Giving - Missionary Societies		£500	
1820 Giving - Home Missions	£292	£5,038	£240
1835 Giving - British Legion			-£237
1840 Giving - Children'S Society	£1,141	£4	£5
1850 Giving - Christian Aid		£835	£525
1860 Giving - Christingle		£35	
1870 Giving - Creamfields	£2,712	£5,051	£3,711
Church Activities-Diocesan Parish Share Contribution	£76,302	£78,591	£82,520
2400 Parish Share - Ministry	£76,302	£78,591	£82,520
Church Activities-Salaries, Wages And Honoria	£11,686	£12,118	£18,226
2305 Church Running Costs - Administrator	£11,686	£12,118	£13,259
2505 Parish Centre - Administrator			£4,967
Church Activities-Clergy And Staff Expenses	£7,343	£11,540	£12,169
2020 Curacy - Council Tax			£2,202
2030 Curacy - House Expenses		£6,998	£9,000
2040 Curacy - Water Rates		£81	£300
2120 Rectory - Council Tax	£2,443	£2,544	£350
2130 Rectory - House Expenses	£2,680	£465	£638
2140 Rectory - Water Rates	£777	£887	£314
2150 Rector - Working Expenses	£1,443	£565	£1,197
2170 Rectory - Recharge To Chester			-£1,832
Church Expenses-Mission And Evangelical Costs	£8,377	£6,628	£10,952
1730 Dbf Fees Paid To Chester	£8,075	£4,133	£6,030
1765 Pastoral Support			£125
1780 Training & Mission	£69	£940	£1,080
1790 Visiting Speakers/Locums	£233	£1,555	£3,716
Church Expenses-Church Running Expenses	£43,121	£34,022	£34,399
1710 Bank Charges	£688	£691	£993
1720 Book Costs	£127		
1740 Flower Fund	£1,822	£1,300	£1,550
1760 Church - Magazine Expenses	£804	£1,112	
1770 Printing & Postage	£2,786	£2,046	£2,679
2210 Church Organ - Fees	£3,306	£2,418	£2,726
2220 Church Organ/Piano - Tuning	£504	£804	£576
2310 Church Running Costs - Cleaning	£1,972	£1,416	£793
2320 Church Running Costs - Insurance	£5,173	£5,885	£6,618
2330 Church Running Costs - Maintenance	£5,692	£2,377	£2,913
2350 Church Running Costs - Other General	£7,368	£6,186	£5,384
2355 Church Running Costs - Telephone	£1,904	£1,888	£1,131
2360 Church Running Costs - Upkeep Of Services	£4,802	£2,655	£2,971
2380 Churchyard Maintenance	£6,174	£5,243	£6,065
Church Expenses-Church Utility Bills	£11,058	£7,752	£14,678
2315 Church Running Costs - Electricity & Gas	£9,328	£6,316	£10,851

# St Wilfrid's Church Expenditure Annual Summary MFA

MFA Ex  MFA Nor MFA Expenditure Description	2022	2023	2024
Fund Raising Activities (Costs And Payments)	£8,153	£16,606	£17,199
Churc 2515 Parish Centre - Electricity & Gas	£1,730	£1,435	£3,828
Church Expenses-Cost Of Trading	£10,153	£12,663	£6,467
2510 Parish Centre - Cleaning	£1,436	£1,379	£700
2520 Parish Centre - Insurance	£2,023	£1,962	£1,655
2530 Parish Centre - Maintenance	£2,424	£3,491	£1,484
2540 Parish Centre - Minor Repairs	£4,032	£4,974	£1,850
2550 Parish Centre - Other General	-£697	£150	£186
2560 Parish Centre - Trading	£531		
2570 Parish Centre - Water Rates	£404	£708	£593
Major Capital Expenditure To Church Buildings	£30,358	£6,894	£17,550
2720 Church Major Repairs - Project & Maintenance	£30,358	£6,894	£17,550
Major Capital Expenditure - Redecoration	£19		£3,810
2810 Church Interior And Exterior - Decoration	£19		£3,810
	<b>£210,714</b>	<b>£198,275</b>	<b>£222,214</b>

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St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall 2024

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

INVESTMENTS

Valuation of Investment at Original Cost

<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
72,916	32,916	32,916

Market Value:

CBF Investment Fund - 3,414.0792 shares @ 23.1227 (78,942.73)

Central Board of Finance Deposits

Deposit Fund  
Friends of St Wilfrid's  
Church Annexe Project Fund

26,478	47,679	30,848
23,219	12,219	7,914
<u>49,697</u>	<u>59,898</u>	<u>38,762</u>

Cash At Bank

Natwest - Balance as at 31 December

13,156	5,234	22,505
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TOTAL ASSETS

<u>135,770</u>	<u>98,048</u>	<u>94,183</u>
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REPRESENTED BY

Income & Expenditure Balance b/fwd  
Excess Income over Expenditure in year-Deficit

98,048	94,183	81,019
37,722	3,865	13,164
<u>135,770</u>	<u>98,048</u>	<u>94,183</u>

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*25th Feb 2025*

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall 2024

Statement of Funds

Item Description	2024	2023	2022
Closing Balance as at 31 December	Closing Balance	Closing Balance	Closing Balance
Unrestricted Funds			
Natwest Bank - Stockton Heath	13,156.35	5,233.97	22,505.33
CCLA - London			
Deposit Fund	26,478.30	47,678.28	30,847.39
Friends of St Wilfrid's Church			0.00
Church Building Project Fund	23,219.03	12,219.03	7,914.37
Sub-Total CCLA Funds	49,697.33	59,897.31	38,761.76
Total - Cash Funds	62,853.68	65,131.28	61,267.09
Investments Shares - as at 31 December			
CBF Investment Fund			
	No. of shares	3,414.08	1,648.41
	MV per share (£)	23.1227	22.6053
	Valuation	78,942.73	37,262.80
CBF Fixed Interest Fund			
	No. of shares	0.00	0.00
	MV per share (£)	0.00	0.00
	Valuation	0.00	0.00
Total Value of Investments	78,942.73	37,262.80	34,058.46
Total Funds Held	141,796.41	102,394.08	95,325.55

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# St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

## Cashflow Statement 2024

Year	Month	Month Name	Sum of Receipts	Sum of Payments	Sum of Transfers	Monthly	
			Value	Value	Value	movements and	Bank Balance
2023 Total		12 December	£28,560.37	£17,375.00	-£13,000.00	-£1,814.63	£5,233.97
			£200,253.53	£198,274.89	-£19,250.00	-£17,271.36	
	2024	1 January	£17,630.96	£15,514.65		£2,116.31	£7,350.28
		2 February	£68,931.54	£19,343.44	-£51,000.00	-£1,411.90	£5,938.38
		3 March	£9,890.84	£17,360.85	£10,000.00	£2,529.99	£8,468.37
		4 April	£19,144.52	£15,039.95		£4,104.57	£12,572.94
		5 May	£15,104.56	£19,583.36		-£4,478.80	£8,094.14
		6 June	£25,896.86	£22,561.17		£3,335.69	£11,429.83
		7 July	£16,925.27	£15,432.83		£1,492.44	£12,922.27
		8 August	£8,917.88	£15,192.70		-£6,274.82	£6,647.45
		9 September	£11,982.57	£14,232.59	£10,000.00	£7,749.98	£14,397.43
		10 October	£11,434.91	£13,665.29		-£2,230.38	£12,167.05
		11 November	£31,865.69	£27,724.36	-£10,800.00	-£6,658.67	£5,508.38
		12 December	£22,210.46	£26,562.49	£12,000.00	£7,647.97	£13,156.35
	2024 Total			£259,936.06	£222,213.68	-£29,800.00	£7,922.38

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Return of Parish Finance  
January to December 2024

Parish code (6 digits):	590069	If the form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:	Deanery:	Great Budworth
Parish name:	St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall	Grappenhall, St Wilfrid's (609069) - 0405	Diocese:	Chester

INCOMING RESOURCES

UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)  
RESTRICTED (nearest £)

Voluntary income/ receipts

1	Tax efficient planned giving	£61,861
2	Other Planned Giving (Non Gift Aid)	£9,826
3	Collections at services	£10,767
4	All Other Giving (Recurring And One Off)	£10,279
6	Gift Aid recovered	£13,967
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£52,701
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£7,297
	<b>TOTAL Voluntary income:</b>	<b>£166,699</b>
9	<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	
	Gross income from fundraising activities	£30,213
10	<b>Income from investments</b>	
	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£4,295
11	<b>Church activities</b>	
	etc)	£35,889
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, other incoming resources	£22,260
13	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£581

TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)

A	Unrestricted	£259,936
B	Restricted	-
C	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£259,936</b>

RESOURCES EXPENDED

UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)  
RESTRICTED (nearest £)

Costs of generating income

17	Fund-Raising Activities (Costs and Payments)	£17,199
	<b>Church activities</b>	
18	Mission Giving and Donations	£4,244
19	Diocesan Parish Share Contribution	£82,520
20	Salaries, Wages and Honoria	£18,226
21	Clergy and staff expenses	£12,169
	<b>Church expenses</b>	
22	Mission and evangelism costs	£10,952
23	Church running expenses	£34,399
24	Church utility bills	£14,678
25	Cost of trading	£6,467
	<b>Major capital expenditure</b>	
27	Major repairs to the church building	£17,550
28	Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including	£3,810
29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing	£0
	<b>SUB-TOTAL of all expenditure items above:</b>	<b>£222,214</b>
26	Governance costs	£0
99	Other outgoing resources/ payments	£0

TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)

D	Unrestricted	£222,214
E	Restricted	-
F	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£222,214</b>

PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES

14	Number of tax efficient planned givers	72
15	Number of other planned givers	93
16	Number of new legacies received	2

Please refer to the notes on the following pages to help clarify what is included in each section.  
The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, 2013.

Date	12-Jan-25
Name	Charles Jesudason
Position	Treasurer
Telephone or email	charles@jesudason.co.uk

Looking back across 2024, were there any exceptional circumstances or significant changes that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide details in the box below.  
1) The 2 Legacies of £52,700 is a one off ; 2) The Lighting Project costing £17,550 of replacing our fittings to LED

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Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA)

Date:

25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH EXTENSION  
ANNEXE DESIGNATED ACCOUNT

Sum of Receipts Value				YEAR										Group Sub Totals
Income Account Description	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total			
SWC Legacy - Prior 2015	100,000										100,000			
SWC Annexe Personal Donations - Personal			60	3,888	69,212	104,646	75,720	10,400	15,500	4,000	283,426			
SWC Events - Annexe		5,000			7,959	8,560	2,882	1,249	773		26,423			
SWC Annexe Personal Loans - (to be Repaid)						64,500	-5,000	-10,000	-17,500	-2,000	30,000			
St Wilfrid's Church Funding												439,848		
SWC Annexe - Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed - HMRC					16,250	20,433	19,501	2,500			58,684			
SWC Annexe Donations - Companies			9,000	20,000	36,000	14,150	4,000	4,000	7,000	4,000	98,150			
Non St Wilfrid's Church Funding												156,834		
Grant - Cheshire Community Foundation					10,000						10,000			
Grant - Ecclesiastical Insurance					260						260			
Grant - Dowager Eleanor Peel Trust						5,000					5,000			
Grant - All Churches Trust						17,900					17,900			
Grant - Garfield Weston						25,000					25,000			
Grant - Beatrice Laing						6,500					6,500			
Grant - Lottery Funding						9,700					9,700			
Grant - Joseph Rank Trust							30,000				30,000			
Grant - Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council							5,000				5,000			
Reserves - Grant from DCMS to replenish our Reserves							42,000				42,000			
Reserves - CCLA Church Project Fund - Reserve							16,000				16,000			
Grant - Cheshire Community Foundation							10,000				10,000			
Grant - Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust							1,850				1,850			
Grant - Robert Clutterbuck							1,500				1,500			
Grant - Bernard Sunley Foundation Phase 2							10,000				10,000			
St Wilfrid's Annexe Grant Funding												190,710		
TOTAL RECEIVED	100,000	5,000	9,060	23,888	139,681	276,389	213,453	8,149	5,773	6,000	787,393	787,393		
CUMALATIVE BY YEAR	100,000	105,000	114,060	137,948	277,629	554,018	767,471	775,620	781,393	787,393				
Sum of Payments Value												Group Sub Totals		
Expenditure Account Description	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total			
SWC Annexe - Reports - Churchyard, Archaeology, Bats		150	5,906	2,753	812	12,359	6,602				28,581			
SWC Annexe - Architect's Fees			9,834	29,249	5,130	16,339	16,915	254			77,720			
SWC Annexe - Surveyor, Structural, Mechanical - Fees				4,200	23,174	1,200	9,300	3,400			41,274			
SWC Events - Annexe					3,775	0	0	805			4,580	147,576		
SWC Annexe Fees - LPWS - VAT Reclaimed from HMRC					-11,719	-9,326					-21,045			
SWC Annexe Equipment - Purchases Completed					9,470	1,143	13,520	648			24,782	8,317		
SWC Annexe Contractor (Build) - Grosvenor						153,500	334,001	12,500			500,001			
SWC Annexe Contractor (Build) - Dowthigh							121,250		3,250		124,500			
TOTAL PAYMENTS	0	150	15,740	36,201	42,361	172,822	492,261	17,607	3,250	0	780,393	624,501		
CUMALATIVE BY YEAR		150	15,890	52,091	94,452	267,275	759,536	777,143	780,393	780,393		780,393		
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# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
PCC St WILFRID'S, GRAPPENHALL

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1131723

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Independent  
examiner's statement

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Signed:

Date:

25<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2025

Name:

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### Section B

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