

TRUSTEES' REPORT 2024

We have a new Vicar, the Revd Tammy Tearoe, a new Independent Examiner, Ray Jellicoe and a Children and Families Missioner, Nate Glover. Numbers on the Electoral Roll increased slightly.

Many successful fundraising events were held, including another Beer Festival. As a result, Appeal funds rose by £13,600. Congregational giving increased, but wedding and funeral income were down.

The Trust School lost over £8,000 and Cottages funds fell after heavy repair costs. We still met our commitment of £16,000 to the Diocese and gave over £30,000 to charity. Support for the local foodbank continues.

The Toddler Group and the Place of Welcome continue to thrive. The Churchyard Project is making our grounds more wildlife friendly and we achieved our Eco Church bronze award. We are close to meeting all the Church's safeguarding requirements. An energy audit is planned, to help reduce carbon emissions.

RECEIPTS 2024

STEWARDSHIP	26944
COLLECTIONS	4340
WEDDINGS (net)	4137
FUNERALS (net)	3236
GIFTS/FUNDRAISING	31455
RENTALS	41060
MAGAZINE	940
CHARITY	2520
INVESTMENTS	1228
RESTORATION	13593
 TOTAL	 129453

PAYMENTS 2024

MUSIC	6871
CHURCH EXPENSES	32013
HALLS EXPENSES	15876
TRUST SHOOOL EXPENSES	13989
COTTAGES EXPENSES	27431
CLERGY EXPENSES	829
OFFICE EXPENSES	11528
MAGAZINE COSTS	612
CHARITY GIVING	3038
SEQUESTRATION FEES	1787
DIOCESAN COMMON FUND	16000
BANK CHARGES	431
 TOTAL	 130404
 DEFICIT	 951

BALANCE SHEET 31/12/2024

LLOYDS BANK	59511
CASH	1464
INVESTMENTS	25376
 TOTAL ASSETS	 86351

**Independent Examiner's Report
to the PCC of Yardley, St Edburgha's (Registered Charity No. 1131907)**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out in the Summary of Funds and the Receipts & Payments Account, in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the CBF. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act;
and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: R. B. Jellicoe FCCA, Independent Examiner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. B. Jellicoe', written over a horizontal line.

Date 2nd May 2024