

# **St Michael and All Angels Church Newton, West Kirby**

**Registered Charity No: 1132080**



**Annual Report and Financial Statements  
For the year ending  
31 December 2024**

# **Report of the Parochial Church Council of Saint Michael & All Angels Newton, West Kirby for the year ended 31 December 2024**

## **Administrative Information**

St Michael & All Angels Church is situated on Frankby Road, Newton. It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England.

<b>Incumbent</b>	Reverend C Coverley
<b>Retired Priest Assisting</b>	Reverend E Ollman
<b>Assistant Priest</b>	Reverend S Batchelor (from September 2024)

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registered Charity Number 1132080.

Web address [www.stmichaelsnewton.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelsnewton.co.uk)

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

<b>Church Wardens</b>	Dr K Smith Mr B Ollman	April 2019 – April 2025 April 2021 – April 2025
<b>PCC Secretary</b>	Mrs B Little* Mrs M Hughes*	Co-opted October 2023 – April 2024 Co-opted April 2024
<b>PSO &amp; Lead Recruiter</b>	Dr A Hart*	Co-opted May 2022
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mrs J MacDonald	April 2012 – April 2025
<b>Deanery Synod</b>	Mrs C Hart Mr B Ollman	April 2023 – April 2026 April 2023 – April 2026
<b>Donations Officer</b>	Mr P Hinton*	Co-opted November 2022
<b>PCC members</b>	Mr J Taylor Mrs C Jukes Mrs J Miller Ms J Lockyer Mrs L Wilkinson	April 2022 – April 2025 April 2023 – April 2026 April 2023 – April 2026 April 2024 – April 2027 April 2024 – April 2027

\* Indicates non-trustee members of the PCC

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## **Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Michael's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, and other members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. Members of General Synod are also ex-officio members of Diocesan, Deanery and PCC. There are two elected Deanery Synod members who are ex-officio members of the PCC. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC and Deanery Synod.

## ***Charitable Status***

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael & All Angels Newton, West Kirby, (known as "PCC Newton West Kirby"), is registered as Charity Number 1132080. An Annual Report and Financial Statement and Annual Return are submitted to the Charity Commission. The Annual Report and Financial Statements prepared for approval by the PCC and presented to the congregation are also copied to the Diocese of Chester. All PCC members are registered as Trustees of the Charity. Details of the Charity can be viewed on the Charity Commission website. Any questions concerning the Charity should be addressed to the Treasurer.

## ***Aim and purposes***

St Michael and All Angels Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Cheryl Coverley, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Centre complex of St Michael and All Angels, Newton, West Kirby.

## ***Objectives and Activities***

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Michael's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live or meet within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.

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- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Michael and All Angels and the Church Centre Complex.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### ***Worship and Prayer***

The PCC are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We therefore hold both traditional and informal services. During 2024 we continued to use the website for a 'prayer or thought for the week'. This could be accessed by the congregation or more widely by the general public. To encourage spiritual growth and fellowship our WhatsApp group runs alongside our WhatsApp prayer chain. Anyone can make a prayer request, and the WhatsApp group, "Connections", has 43 members. We hold Holy Communion services at 10am on Sunday and Wednesday. Revd Elaine has continued to head the team producing an informal service of praise and activity, followed by a simple Holy Communion.

Our Christingle service on Christmas Eve is usually a highlight for people of all ages, and was well attended this year. It is seen as a key event in the local community.

We are working on using a wider variety of media to help people access the worship and to learn more about the Christian faith and its impact on everyday life, and to ensure that we optimise the use of our projection, sound and audio visual systems. The necessity for this became apparent under the lockdown and Covid restricted opening, and is a priority for 2025 when we hope to have a freshly revamped website up and running.

Our work with children and young people - Sunday Club, covering ages 5 – 10 and the Venture group for youngsters aged 11 – 18 was suspended in March 2020 and we have not been able to resume this to date.

Our ministry team comprises the Vicar and a retired priest plus two Readers who share in leading services and preaching or teaching. Due to the Vicar's ill health in 2024 we were joined in September by Revd Sarah Batchelor, a final year curate, who has been tremendously helpful to the ministry team, the congregation and the wider parish. The contribution of each of the team is significant in helping people to understand the Christian faith. We also value the occasional help with services from local retired clergy particularly Revd David Felix.

We take the issue of Safeguarding seriously, and follow the Chester Diocesan policy, now based on the national church policy. Our Safeguarding co-ordinator, Anthony Hart brings transferrable skills which enhance his understanding of this role.

Revd Cheryl was able to take assemblies in Black Horse Hill Junior school, and this was continued by Revd Sarah. The Open the Book team continue their input at Black Horse Hill Infant school. During Lent, we welcomed all of the Junior school children to church across

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three days as we enabled them to experience The Lord's Prayer Labyrinth. It was good to see a large number of church members in their 50s - 90s helping the children to explore key themes of the Lord's Prayer across eight sessions. We were delighted to host the regular Junior school Christmas services with parents and carers watching them perform a morning and the afternoon presentation in the week before Christmas. Revd Sarah also assisted Calday Grange Grammar School by acting as chaplain to the combined cadet force and participating in their Act of Remembrance in November on the school site.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 110 on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 36 are not resident in the parish. We regularly have approximately sixty five who attend Holy Communion across the week. During 2024 we were again pleased to welcome people who had fled the conflict in Ukraine.

There is a Beta group for those who have previously explored the Alpha course. This meeting enables members to deepen their faith.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God for the special events we experience in life. Through baptism we give thanks to God for the gift of life; in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services family and friends express their grief and give thanks for the life completed in this world, and commend their loved one to God's keeping. This year we have welcomed a child into the church family through baptism and there have been 10 funerals, 8 in church and 2 in other venues.

### ***Deanery Synod***

The Parish is entitled to have two representatives on the Deanery Synod. This is an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church. See below for further details.

### ***Pastoral care***

Pastoral care often, but not always, centres around people in a time of illness or bereavement. Home Communion is taken by the Vicar and the Readers to those who are ill or housebound.

Our 'First Thursday' Drop in, running on a once a month basis – is an opportunity for people to meet, have coffee and cake, play dominoes or take part in a craft activity, and most importantly, chat to local people. This has proved to be a positive boost to the mental health of all who come and is another opportunity to help overcome social isolation. A particular feature of First Thursday this year was working with the local Junior school to help with their citizenship programme. A number of pupils came to First Thursday and learned to play dominoes with some of the group and in turn taught them how to play Uno. It was good to have intergenerational interaction and this will help with social cohesion in the community.

### ***Mission and Evangelism***

"Open the Book" involving a team going in to Black Horse Hill Infant school with dramatised retellings of Bible Stories continued in 2024. This has been an ongoing project since 2008. These assemblies are enjoyed by children and staff alike, and they contribute to meeting the

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spiritual aspects of their curriculum and we look forward to building on this work in 2025. C

The church building will continue to be used as a venue by other groups seeking to raise money for charities by holding concerts when this is possible, or serving community needs (see the paragraph on First Thursday above).

Our faith is also put into practice through regular collections of food, clothing and household items which are then taken to Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead to support their ministry to those in need. Alongside this we make seasonal donations of food and gifts to Forum Housing, a charity working with young homeless people, and we respond to DEC requests for help in times of crisis. In 2022 we began a monthly collection of food items for the local foodbank as a commitment to helping others at this difficult time.

### ***Ecumenical***

St Michaels' is a member of Churches Together in West Kirby. We are committed to working together on projects that meet spiritual, physical and practical needs and to support each other in our distinctive work. We are involved in public acts of love and witness such as carol singing in West Kirby on a Saturday before Christmas and a silent act of witness around the Marine Lake in West Kirby.

Churches Together funds a book for Year 6 pupils in West Kirby to help prepare them for the next step in their education. Revd Cheryl is a governor at Black Horse Hill Juniors, where these books are presented to the individual pupils.

### ***Church Centre Complex***

Our church centre has been a venue for local groups to meet. However, due to a combination of factors – particularly issues around the state of the building, PCC decided to close the building and to review its future. The church was used as a polling station twice in 2024. Other activities can be hosted in the church building going forward.

### ***Volunteers***

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the welcoming and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our churchwardens Mrs Kate Smith and Mr Brian Ollman who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf, our Treasurer, Mrs Julie MacDonald who has helped us all understand the church's accounts and finances, Mr Peter Hinton our Giving Officer, our Safeguarding Officer, Dr Anthony Hart, and all the other members of the PCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for keeping the church running. Mrs Barbara Little handed over the role of PCC secretary to Mrs Maxine Hughes this year and we are grateful for their commitment to the administrative life of our church. We also thank our Independent Examiner for reviewing our accounts.

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## **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding is a standing item on every PCC agenda and I begin each PCC discussion with a statement on how effective I perceive our safeguarding provisions at St Michaels to be. On each occasion over the past year, I was able to reassure the PCC that I judged our arrangements remained effective and no matters of concern had been raised relating to the quality of our safeguarding.

In terms of our safeguarding administration, I am pleased to advise:

- 1) We remain fully up to date with our DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks. These now need to be completed on a three-yearly cycle. During the past year we successfully completed six new/repeat DBS checks.
- 2) We are reasonably up to date with our safeguarding training. Though we currently have five items of training we need to complete (compared to none this time last year), the majority of these were delayed due to unavoidable personal circumstances. Five courses represents 12% of the total training we need to have in place (refreshed on a three-year cycle). So we are 88% up to date, with eleven items of new/refresher training completed during the year. I greatly appreciate how much effort this training takes, especially for those who find online training less amenable than face-to-face courses.
- 3) Sarah, Kate and I completed our annual safeguarding review in February. We concluded, as in previous years, that we fully meet or partially meet all the relevant criteria, and that our only shortfalls are administrative (e.g. in terms of not having written role overviews for all relevant roles, nor completed safeguarding risk assessments in place). Since completing our review, I am pleased to report we now have the role overviews required by the guidance and expect shortly to also have agreed risk assessments.

Of course, being on top of our administration, though important, is only one of the foundations of good safeguarding. Far more important to safeguarding well is our culture. Do we seek to protect and properly look after the children and vulnerable adults we come into contact with here at St Michael's? Do we each play our part in minimising the chances of any of them coming to harm?

I am pleased to say that I think we do: It's really encouraging in my role that so many of the conversations I have about safeguarding are not about the admin, but about things that concern people or about ways we might improve. This is a sign of a really positive culture.

So, if you can see any improvements in how we are managing safeguarding please speak to me. I am always open to fresh ideas and insights and am far from being the source of all relevant wisdom in these matters.

And as I've said in previous years, if you have a safeguarding concern, it's tremendously important that you don't keep it to yourself. Down the years a lot of people in churches across the world have kept quiet when they had a concern and their silence then led to real harm to someone vulnerable; as well as ultimately damaging the church's reputation. So if you have a concern please speak to me, or to Cheryl or Sarah if you prefer. Whatever you

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say will be treated seriously, in the strictest confidence and if it needs to be taken forward, will be done so ever-so carefully and discreetly.

**Anthony Hart, Parish Safeguarding Officer**

### **Financial Review 2024**

In support of our church activities this past year a total of £79,575 has been received into our unrestricted (general) and designated funds.

#### **Restricted Funds**

We hold a total of £34,596 in restricted funds:

- £2,657: St Michael's Outreach Trust towards production costs of the parish magazine.
- £2,770: The Co-op Community Fund provided funds to improve sound and vision within the church for the benefit of the community.
- £29,169: for the development of a new kitchen area in church

#### **Designated Funds**

Receipts into designated funds were £1,937 from fundraising activities. PCC's commitment to transferring a small amount each month to the Church Fabric fund means this now stands at £21,370 (after payments made from same fund). This will continue in 2025.

#### **General Funds**

Receipts into the general fund totalled £78,874. Of this, 63% was Planned Giving and 18% from Gift Aid. The remaining 19% is from other sources including loose plate collections, fees, other donations and fundraising.

Payments from the general fund were £64,313 of which £49,500 (83%) paid Parish Share; and £7,868 for church running costs. The Diocese once again agreed to a deviation in Parish Share (amount due was £82,520)

#### **Reserves Policy**

We have a Reserves policy to maintain a balance of at least three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to approximately £18,000 to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The Centre Fabric Fund stands at £13,208 is retained towards on-going costs of the Centre. Our reserves balance on unrestricted funds is £54,360. It is our policy to invest reserves with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

**Mrs Julie MacDonald, Treasurer**

### ***Planned Giving Report***

Planned giving in 2024 amounted to £48,809 (£50,140 in 2023) whether by standing order, through regular cheque donations or through the weekly envelope scheme. This figure is less than last year's reflecting a continuing decline in the number of regular givers. Sadly, through deaths and changed circumstances those regularly giving have reduced to just over 60 in number.

However, this reduction in formal regular giving has been partly offset. Some donors who were using envelopes changed to making their donations in cash on the collection plate. Giving through plate collection continued to increase, from £5,378 in 2022 to £7,099 in 2023



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and £7,428 in 2024. Fortunately, plate collections made in cash count for GASDS (Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme) so that tax recovery can be claimed.

The Gift Aid recovered for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 amounted to £13,677 compared with £14,393 for the previous year. This lower figure is because of reduced giving and some donors no longer being eligible for Gift Aid on their donations. The sizable amount of Gift Aid recovered nevertheless highlights the importance of our planned giving to the church and the considerable benefit we receive from the 25% refund through Gift Aid and GASDS on regular and eligible donations.

St Michael's is grateful to all those, named and anonymous, who are helping, through their devotion of money, as well as time and prayers, to sustain and expand the work of the church and the charities that our church supports.

**Peter Hinton, Planned Giving Officer**

### **Churchwarden's Report**

2024 was a year of struggle, but we all pulled together and saw prayers answered.

Sadly our former Church Warden Angela Lockett died in the early part of the year. She had done so much for the church before, during and after her time as warden. She left a big hole, but I am thankful for all the new people came and took over the running of First Thursday ( Kathy Runham, Jane Owens and Joy Miller), serving coffee on Sundays and running the café at the church fair amongst her many other works of service.

We faced another huge blow when our vicar Cheryl was diagnosed with a serious illness. She had 10 months sick leave from April 2024 until February 2025 and is now on a phased return to work. Local priests from St Bridget's Church along with rev Elaine Ollman retired priest, provided cover for her. Over the summer the rural Dean found other local retired priests and then in September 2024, rev Sarah Batchelor came in her third year of curacy to provide cover for Cheryl and is still supporting us through Cheryl's phased return. The Rector of St Bridget's and Elaine Ollman gave Sarah advice and support. This period was also a challenge for the wardens, Brian Ollman and me as we liaised with and co-ordinated retired priests initially for services and funerals and provided local knowledge and practical help to Sarah. We realised just how much Cheryl does when she is here. I am also grateful to our Readers Anthony and Martin, for their excellent sermons, help with pastoral care, acting as vergers at funerals, gardening and in Anthony's case taking on sole responsibility for Safeguarding in Cheryl's absence. Anthony also continues to lead the Beta group, a house group, which is hosted by Mair Rimmer.

In March we hosted Black Horse Hill Junior School for the Lords Prayer Labyrinth and Sarah continued junior school assemblies as soon as she arrived and involve the junior school in First Thursday. The Open the Book team continued to deliver assemblies to Black Horse Hill Infants school.

In April we had a successful Ladies spring afternoon tea, organised by Carolyn Hart and her team including Eirian Taylor and Jenny Rowlands. This had been postponed from 2020 because of the Covid lockdown. We welcomed many ladies from outside the church and heard a moving testimony from Tracy Pugh, pastoral worker at St Mary's Church Upton.

The church rambling group had a successful weekend away in September.

In November we had a church fair. Thank you to Heather Coppack and Joy Miller for organising that and to all the different stall holders.

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We managed to continue with our Wednesday and Sunday 10 am communion services, including Rejoice and sing (an Informal service with communion) once per month and Café Church on the fifth Sunday in the month. At Christmas we had the Christingle service, the junior school carol concert and the Archdeacon came to celebrate one of our two Christmas Day services.

I am grateful to all the people who continued with their usual duties: our organists Julie MacDonald and Sally Bibby, the sacristans headed by Lesley Wilkinson, Ian Gilmartin operating the digital projector, my fellow warden Brian who also maintains the central heating and does building repairs, the PCC for their encouragement and wisdom. Also my thanks go to our financial team headed by Julie MacDonald our treasurer, our Electoral roll officer Jean Walters, our church website administrator Liz Jarvis, our Welcomers, flower ladies, cleaning teams, gardening team, people doing readings, prayers and administering the chalice.

Sadly because we have been unable to pay our parish share for the last few years and because of our aging and diminishing congregation, we have been unable to save the church centre. The PCC and vicar made the difficult decision to sell the church centre and the land adjacent to it. We were advised to seek planning permission in principle for a change of use to the land before trying to sell it, because this would affect its value. In August we received planning permission in principle from the council to demolish the church centre and build 2 semidetached houses on Frankby Road and 2 semidetached bungalows on Queensbury in its place. This includes the adjacent lawn on the Frankby Rd side and the car park adjacent to the church centre. We next have to gain formal permission from the Diocese via the faculty application process to sell the land and demolish the church centre. It would be the buyers of the land who do the demolition and building. As part of this there was a 30 day public consultation from January until February 2025 and we await the decision of the Diocese.

**Kate Smith**  
**Church Warden**

## **Deanery Synod Report**

The Deanery Synod is made up of the clergy from our local Wirral North deanery plus elected representatives from each parish. Our representatives are myself and Brian Ollman. The synod meets three to four times per year to share information and hold discussions on subjects relevant to our local mission and ministry.

There have been three synod meetings in the past year, with St Michaels represented at all of them.

At the first meeting, last June, Paul Crowther from the charity Embracing Age spoke about working towards a world where older people are more valued, better connected and filled with greater hope.

At the second (in October), Lynn Everton from the diocesan safeguarding team described the work of the team and then led a discussion on how to improve the effectiveness of safeguarding at parish level.

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The third meeting took place in January. Katy Herrera, who is our Diocesan Children and Youth Advisor, led a discussion and gave a brief presentation on the “Love Matters” report. This report has been produced by the Archbishops’ Commission on Families and Households in support of the Church of England’s National Strategy to double the number of children and young people attending church by 2030.

Brian and I reported back on all these meetings to PCC, at which there was opportunity for further discussion on these topics.

**Carolyn Hart**

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***Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
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Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
<b>Current assets – current assets</b>						
6501: Bank current account – main	30,635.22	26,139.35	17,414.59		74,189.16	61,022.70
6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account	23,509.23	17,778.00	19,169.00	-	60,456.23	57,444.15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>54,144.45</b>	<b>43,917.35</b>	<b>36,583.59</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>134,645.39</b>	<b>118,466.85</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	1,770.95	-	1,770.95	1,042.95
<b>Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,770.95</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,770.95</b>	<b>1,042.95</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
Unrestricted – General	54,360.35	-	-	-	54,360.35	58,265.96
Designated – CenFabric	-	13,208.33	-	-	13,208.33	19,554.33
Designated – Centre	-	(31.74)	-	-	(31.74)	0.96
Designated – ChFabric	-	21,370.70	-	-	21,370.70	13,433.59
Designated – Charitable Giving		7,600.00			7,600.00	-
Designated - MissGrowth	-	860.78	-	-	860.78	493.04
Designated – Web		9.23			9.23	9.23
Designated - Energy		900.05			900.05	900.05
Restricted – Sound&Vision	-	-	2,770.12	-	2,770.12	2,940.12
Restricted – StBTrust			-	-	-	-
Restricted – StMTrust			2,657.50	-	2,657.50	2,657.50
Restricted – Kitchen Project	-	-	29,169.12	-	29,169.12	19,169.12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>54,360.35</b>	<b>43,917.35</b>	<b>34,596.74</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>132,874.44</b>	<b>117,423.90</b>

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**Receipts and Payments Account  
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	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>						
Planned giving	48,809	-	-	-	48,809	50,140
Collections and other giving	7,428	-	-	-	7,428	7,099
Other voluntary receipts	807	400	10,000	-	11,207	4,162
Gift Aid recovered	13,677	-	-	-	13,677	14,393
Other receipts	1,605	364	-	-	1,969	860
Activities for generating funds	-	1,937	-	-	1,937	1,884
Investment Income	3,012	-	-	-	3,012	2,122
Receipts from church activities	1,534	-	-	-	1,534	2,074
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>76,874</b>	<b>2,701</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,575</b>	<b>82,738</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Cost of generating funds	-	-	-	-	-	75
Missionary and Charitable Giving	(2,383)	-	-	-	(2,383)	11,272
Parish Share	54,000	-	-	-	54,000	49,500
Clergy and Staffing costs	4,868	-	-	-	4,868	3,160
Church Running Expenses	7,828	396	170	-	8,394	14,958
Hall Running Costs	-	2,898	-	-	2,898	2,126
Church Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	6,772
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	-	6,346	-	-	6,346	-
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>64,313</b>	<b>9,640</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,124</b>	<b>81,091</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>	<b>12,560</b>	<b>(6,939)</b>	<b>9,830</b>		<b>15,450</b>	<b>1,646</b>
<b>Transfers</b>						
Gross transfers between funds – in	-	16,466	-	-	16,466	-
Gross funds between funds – out	(16,466)	-	-	-	(16,466)	-
<b>Net incoming/outgoing before other gains/losses</b>	<b>(3,905)</b>	<b>9,526</b>	<b>9,830</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,450</b>	<b>1,646</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(3,905)</b>	<b>9,526</b>	<b>9,830</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,450</b>	<b>1,646</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
<b>Bank account at 01 January 2024</b>	<b>58,265</b>	<b>34,391</b>	<b>24,766</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117,423</b>	<b>115,776</b>
<b>Bank accounts at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>54,360</b>	<b>43,917</b>	<b>34,596</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>132,874</b>	<b>117,423</b>

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## Receipts and payments – combined funds 01 January 2023 – 31 December 2024

	From To	01 January 2024 31 December 2024	01 January 2023 31 December 2023
Receipts			
Planned Giving			
Gift Aid – Bank		43,811	45,739
Gift Aid – Envelopes		1,766	3,167
Non-Gift Aid - Envelopes		722	1,234
Other planned giving		2,510	-
<i>Total: Planned giving</i>		<u>48,809</u>	<u>50,140</u>
Collections and other giving			
Loose plate collections		7,428	7,099
<i>Total: Collections and other giving</i>		<u>7,428</u>	<u>7,099</u>
Other voluntary receipts			
Donations appeals etc		10,307	4,162
Legacies		500	-
Non-recurring one-off grants		400	-
<i>Total: Other voluntary receipts</i>		<u>11,207</u>	<u>4,162</u>
Gift Aid recovered			
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		13,677	14,393
<i>Total: Gift Aid recovered</i>		<u>13,677</u>	<u>14,393</u>
Other receipts			
Other funds generated		1,969	860
<i>Total: Other receipts</i>		<u>1,969</u>	<u>860</u>
Activities for generating funds			
Fundraising Events		1,937	1,884
<i>Total: Activities for generating funds</i>		<u>1,937</u>	<u>1,884</u>
Investment Income			
Bank and building society interest		3,012	2,122
<i>Total: Investment Income</i>		<u>3,012</u>	<u>2,122</u>
Receipts from church activities			
Church hall lettings – objectives		-	-
Fees for weddings and funerals		1,534	2,074
<i>Total: Receipts from church activities</i>		<u>1,534</u>	<u>2,074</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>89,575</b>	<b>82,738</b>

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	From To	01 January 2024 31 December 2024	01 January 2023 31 December 2023
Payments			
Costs of generating funds			
Costs of stewardship campaign		-	75
<i>Total: Costs of generating funds</i>		-	75
Missionary and Charitable Giving			
Home mission		-	6,080
Overseas Missionary Societies		192	1,592
Overseas Relief and Development agencies		(2,600)	2,600
Secular charities		-	1,000
<i>Total: Missionary and Charitable Giving</i>		(2,383)	11,272
Parish Share			
Parish Share		54,000	49,500
<i>Total: Parish Share</i>		54,000	49,500
Clergy and Staffing costs			
Council tax		2,524	1,666
Visiting speakers/locums		404	103
Water – vicarage		1,111	606
Working Expenses of Incumbent		827	783
<i>Total: Clergy and Staffing costs</i>		4,868	3,160
Church Running Expenses			
Administration		1,060	1,428
Church maintenance		785	7,016
Cleaning		-	-
Education		-	-
Electric – church		670	431
Gas – church		728	(494)
Insurance – Church		1,680	1,440
Mission and Evangelism		296	100
Sundry Expenses		100	200
Upkeep of churchyard		2,030	2,212
Upkeep of services		1,044	2,227
Water – church		-	397
<i>Total: Church running Expenses</i>		8,394	14,958
Hall Running Costs			
Broadband connection		-	-
Centre – Caretaker		-	-
Centre – Cleaning		-	-
Centre – maintenance		100	-
Electric – centre		282	245
Gas – centre		564	228
Insurance – centre		787	700
Water – Centre		1,164	951
<i>Total: Hall Running Costs</i>		2,898	2,126
Hall Repairs & Maintenance			
Other PCC property upkeep		6,346	-
<i>Total: Hall repairs &amp; maintenance</i>		6,346	-
Total payments		<b>74,124</b>	<b>81,091</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		15,450	1,646
Transfers to/(from)		-	-
Brought forward balance		117,423	115,776
		<b>132,874</b>	<b>117,423</b>

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence is not being shown

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***Accounting Policies***

The Accounts were prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis by the PCC Treasurer, Mrs Julie MacDonald and independently reviewed by Mrs Sarah Kershaw.

**Funds**

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust, and, (b) donations received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of year is carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Interest is apportioned on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes, though in practice the PCC designates certain funds for specified purposes. If not used for these purposes these sums can be expended on any general purposes.

**Incoming Resources**

Planned Giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due. Interest is accrued and all other income is recognised when it is receivable.

**Resources Expended**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred.