

# **Deddington PCC Trustees Report for 2024**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents its Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and administration information

The PCC is a registered charity, no. 1132087.

The trustees, members of the PCC, at the time of this report, were as follows:

The Rev Nick Fiekden	Chairman	Ex-officio
Stanley Nelson	Churchwarden	Ex-officio
Caroline Condon	Churchwarden	Ex-officio
Angela Faint	Deanery Synod	Elected
David Clements		Elected
Lady Green		Elected
Sarah Banes		Elected
Heather Nason		Elected
Olivia Fenion		Elected
Jane Maharry	Secretary	Appointed

Independent Examiner: Mr D Anderson, Wicklewood, Chapmans Lane, Deddington, BANBURY, OX 15 OSU.

## **Structure, governance and management**

The PCC is a corporate body. Its governing documents are the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended, and the Church Representation Rules.

PCC members are recruited in a number of ways. The clergy, churchwardens and their deputies are members by virtue of their office. The Deanery Synod representatives are elected by the annual parochial church meeting (APCM) and hold office for three years. Other members are elected for a three year term, or co-opted, so arranged that about one third of the council will retire each year.

The PCC makes all decisions corporately except that the Standing Committee has delegated powers to make decisions between PCC meetings, subject to keeping the PCC informed as fully as necessary.

The PCC is responsible for all the parish finance, its management and control, including the appointment of a treasurer. Members of the PCC are responsible for keeping accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the PCC and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities" (FRSSE). The PCC is also responsible for

safeguarding the charity's assets and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The PCC is also required to ensure that the financial statements are examined by an independent examiner or auditor prior to presentation to the APCM. In preparing the financial statements, the PCC is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Follow applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will remain in operation.

There is a Standing Committee to take care of council business between PCC meetings and to make decisions referred to it by the PCC.

The parish is part of the Deddington Deanery in the Diocese of Oxford.

During the year the PCC has reviewed all the risks faced by the charity and has put in place measures aimed at managing those risks. The risk assessment was compiled using a pro-forma provided by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office.

### ***Objectives and Activities***

The objectives of the PCC are defined by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as "to cooperate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical".

The main activities of the PCC are:

- The provision of regular public worship that is open to all.
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- The provision of pastoral work, including visiting of the sick, the elderly and the bereaved. • The teaching of the Christian faith through sermons, home groups, children's meetings and links with the local schools.
- The promotion of the Christian faith through various events for the elderly, for parents and toddlers and other special needs groups organised by the PCC.
- The support of other charities involved in Christian outreach and development.

As a church family and as individuals, Deddington Parish church aims to offer worship of the living God. Through worship, prayer and bible study we seek to know God better and to be conformed to His purposes for our lives. In partnership with other Christians, we wish to make His love known within the local community.

The incumbent vacancy which started in June 2023 ended in April 2024 when the Rev Nick Fielden was installed as the vicar. During the vacancy the PCC managed to provide almost all the usual services with the help of local retired priests and the staff of the diocese and the deanery.

### ***Ministry Highlights***

The year has been full of blessings, from uplifting services to pastoral care and home visits. Although it's primarily been a year of listening, but our new vicar did implement some early initiatives to help us move forward in some key areas.

From the outset he organised regular cross-benefice ministry team meetings. This proved very beneficial for building bridges and has been a catalyst for fertile ministerial communication, planning and collaborative working, which was one of the key aims expressed in the parish profile.

Next, he gained PCC agreement to resume the use of the Common Cup for Holy Communion, helping us move forward from the aftermath of Covid and realign ourselves with Canon law.

Thirdly, he introduced a weekly pattern of Morning and Evening Prayer in our churches across the benefice, though Hempton's services were subsequently paused due to roof concerns.

The regular weekly services have continued to maintain or increase numbers. The rhythm of the Church calendar has brought us the special seasonal celebrations and commemorations, including Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Harvest, All Souls, Remembrance Day, Advent and Christmas, giving us poignant moments of both deep reflection and joyous worship. They have all been well attended, with some specials breaking record numbers, and all much appreciated by the wider community too, going by the positive feedback. He was also able to run an Advent course, which prompted good discussions.

At Deddington we have been able to demonstrate our excellent musical and choral traditions, providing a quality that is rarely achieved outside of cathedrals! In that we have something to be very proud of and thanks are due to our music director and all the choir for their hard work, skill and dedication!

Our 3pm monthly family services continued to attract younger members of our community, and thanks are due to the team who planned and ran those sessions, for their commitment and service

The Thursday morning Squiggles & Wiggles pre-school sessions have continued to be a lifeline for parents and carers, offering connection, support and a safe way to access church. The vicar has gained deeper insights into how valuable it is, and further church connections are evolving from it, e.g. through baptism enquiries from parents who would otherwise not have considered it. So many thanks to the dedicated team who continue to run this. Other special highlights in 2024 included three baptisms, two confirmations and three weddings, which were fantastic celebrations. We also sadly commemorated the loss of a number of our community members in funeral, memorial and interment services.

During the year, we managed to recruit a new Parish Administrator to help with some of the administrative burden.

Our connection and ministry to Deddington CE Primary school is another area the vicar has been building upon with the school worship leader and the headteacher. He leads weekly assemblies to deepen the children's understanding of the Christian faith and get them thinking about how Christian teaching, stories and values can have a real impact in our world and how we treat one another. The children have also come into Church on many occasions, helping to lead and participate in services such as their Harvest mid-week Eucharist, Christmas carol and Nativity services, as well as their music and leavers services. The vicar and one of our retired clergy are also foundation school governors, helping to provide strategic oversight through its governance.

Our bellringers have continued to ring joyously for us throughout the year, for both our regular services and special occasions.

Across all our services and activities, we have shown the welcoming, joyous, invitational, and inclusive spirit of our church family, which is vital. One cornerstone of this friendliness is our hospitality, and thanks are due to our dedicated hospitality team for providing refreshments at our various services and events.

### ***Challenges, Resilience and Maintenance***

As always, this year has brought challenges, including urgent maintenance issues. At Deddington, flooding, drains, heating failures, stonework and roof problems, among others, have required significant effort and expenditure to address, keeping our church wardens and maintenance teams very busy, not to mention the treasurer! We owe an enormous debt of thanks to all involved in managing these issues. We are also deeply indebted to the Friends of Deddington Church, and everyone who has donated generously, some anonymously, to help us raise the funds needed to fix the most urgent issues. Thank you to you all – and the challenges continue!

At Hempton, roof safety concerns led to the difficult decision to temporarily move services to the Old School Room, with the Archdeacon's support. We subsequently arranged for a church architect's inspection to gain a proper understanding of the situation. Significant work and funding will be required and a small project team consisting of the church wardens and Friends of Hempton Church are working together on the next steps.

All these challenges, alongside our many activities, highlight the dedication and resilience of our committed people who do such vital work to keep our churches open and ministry flourishing.

Behind the scenes, much work also goes into cleaning and maintaining both our churches and churchyards.

Over the year we have also managed to upgrade some of our key IT facilities at Deddington, including moving to a higher quality HDMI AV projection system and the vicar organised for a WiFi upgrade to a much faster, stable and more secure system to address frustrating connection issues experienced by many users.

Talking of helpers, we face serious challenges with the limited numbers of volunteers for many of these roles. Many names appear in multiple teams, so we risk too much work being put on too few shoulders. We also have some key PCC members stepping down.

### ***Community Engagement, Fundraising, Environment and Looking Ahead***

Community engagement has been central to our ministry and wider outreach. It was wonderful to have a leading role in the D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Remembrance Day events, which were much appreciated by our communities.

We have continued to open up our churches and host the Parish Show and Craft Markets in Deddington, which are great opportunities for community engagement and are much appreciated by all. Offering a short public prayer time at 11am during the craft market has also been popular, offering visitors and stall holders a small space in which to experience stillness and prayerful reflection.

We continue to hire out Deddington church for concerts and events, which remains very popular and supplements our income.

Another great achievement this year has been the restart of our Eco Church group and gaining our Silver Award!

This first year for our new vicar has been one of surveying and preparing the ground. As we look forward, 2025 will be one of planting new seeds, watering and nurturing, to help our church grow broader and younger, whilst still treasuring and continuing all that we already do so well. His vision for our benefice is to be able to offer a wide range of worship styles and traditions to help people in all our communities worship God in the ways that they find most helpful, from excellent choral traditions to more contemporary, informal and family friendly worship. It is a vision he feels that God

is calling us to journey towards as our next step, which has been reinforced by many of the conversations and green shoots he has noticed during this year.

### **Financial Report**

In 2024 some of our various income streams increased while others went down. The planned giving increased because most of our donors give through the Parish Giving Scheme and have opted to allow their donations to increase with inflation, giving us 3.3% more than 2023, plus the extra tax reclaimed. Loose plate collections increased by nearly 11% plus extra tax reclaimed under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. Uncovenanted planned giving was up by 14%. Sundry donations were slightly down in 2024 by less than £100. Unrestricted fund raising in 2024 was only a third of that raised in 2023 and investment income was down because we have been spending money from the deposit account. However, the Trading and Fees income was up by 22% mainly due to the number of weddings, funerals and concerts in the year. Also, the Feed in Tariff payments for the photo-voltaic panels on the south aisle roof were subject to an annual increase. There were fewer grants and legacies and restricted donations and fund raising was less than in 2023, but this income generally depends on specific projects as they arise.

The annual income increased but so did spending. The General Fund was at an all-time low at the end of 2024, £12,709 because there were unanticipated requirements to update the sound/projection system and the church Wi-Fi set up, costing £6,318. The inverter for the PV system had to be replaced costing £2,163 and £7,761 was spent on building repairs that could not be charged to the Fabric Fund. Also, new staging was bought for £8,433; most of the cost was met by Deddington Primary School and the PTA. The PTA have given £1,000, but we are still waiting for the school's contribution of £5,000. When this arrives in 2025 the general fund will be on its way to recovery.

The Friends of Deddington Church continue their welcome and much needed support. We are very grateful for the £10,866 that they raised towards the cost of building repairs.

For the last several years Deddington PCC has submitted Accrual & Prepayment accounts but as typical turnover has been under £250,000 for a long time now 2024's accounts will be in Receipts & Payment format.



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Rev H N Fielden  
Vicar of Deddington

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL, DEDDINGTON

## Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2024

### Receipts and Payments Accounts

	1		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total Funds	
	Note		Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
			£	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>							
<b>Voluntary Receipts:</b>							
Planned Giving			40,808.11			40,808.11	38,841.25
Collections at Services			8,427.09	615.00		9,042.09	8,083.28
All other giving/voluntary receipts	4 (a)		9,562.58	18,590.91		28,153.49	55,475.56
Gift Aid recovered			9,681.53	640.46		10,321.99	12,380.55
			68,479.31	19,846.37		88,325.68	114,780.64
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	4 (b)		1,285.79	10,866.00		12,151.79	27,960.78
<b>Investment Income</b>	4 (c)		691.60	1,193.64	2,778.37	4,663.61	4,974.73
<b>Church Activities</b>	4 (d)		15,612.54			15,612.54	15,161.09
Other Income	4 (e)		6,007.95			6,007.95	4,388.91
<b>Bellringers' Fund (Lloyd's Bank)</b>	5			903.40		903.40	756.91
			23,597.88	12,963.04	2,778.37	39,339.29	53,242.42
<b>Total Receipts</b>			92,077.19	32,809.41	2,778.37	127,664.97	168,023.06

### Contra Receipts

3,789.00 These receipts are fees paid to the PCC but due to third parties, eg Wedding & Funeral Fees due to the diocese, organist or choir and are not included in these accounts.

### PAYMENTS

#### Church Activities

Diocesan Parish Share Contribution			50,119.96			50,119.96	48,506.66
Mission Giving and Donations	4 (f)		1,528.38	2,564.00		4,092.38	3,588.72
Clergy and Staffing Costs	4 (g)		8,978.91		1,398.70	10,377.61	7,284.00
Church Running Costs	4 (h)		49,860.15	9,327.36	1,379.67	60,567.18	132,079.81
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>			433.99			433.99	1,424.56
<b>Bellringers' Fund(Lloyd's Bank)</b>	5			723.80		723.80	888.20
<b>Total Payments</b>			110,921.39	12,615.16	2,778.37	126,314.92	193,771.95

### Contra Payments

3,789.00 Paid to third parties and not included in these accounts

### Exceeds of Receipts over Payments

-18,844.20 20,194.25 0.00 1,350.05 -25,748.89

Cash at bank and in hand 1 January

25,036.85 32,977.86 100,089.70 158,104.41 153,465.91

Cash at bank and in hand 31 December

12,709.16 47,695.50 102,380.61 162,785.27 158,104.41

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

#### Cash Funds

Bank Current Account			9,756.25	0.00	0.00	9,756.25	10,554.72
Deposit Accounts			2,952.91	47,096.96	0.00	50,049.87	47,469.99
			12,709.16	47,096.96	0.00	59,806.12	58,024.71

#### Other Monetary Assets

Gift Recoverable			740.24	0.00	0.00	740.24	855.15
Deddington PTA			5,000.00			5,000.00	

#### Investment Assets

Eight Endowment Trusts	3		0.00	0.00	102,380.61	102,380.61	0.00
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#### Liabilities Heating Repair Bill

1,148.48 0.00 0.00 1,148.48 0.00

Note 1 This financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulation 2006 using Receipts and Payments instead of Accrual & Prepayment. The only accrual figure included in the ledger is £924 Deposit/Endowment account interest from 2023. This has beendeducted from these accounts.

2 The movements in the restricted funds during the year were:

Restricted	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Building & Maintenance Fund	24,692.13	18,607.33	3,522.53	39,776.93
Youth Work	3,267.00	633.26	0.00	3,900.26
Christmas Lunch Fund	1,692.39	88.47	0.00	1,780.86
Organ Fund	0.00	10.72	0.00	10.72
FoodBank fund	2,737.80	189.40	1,440.00	1,487.20
War Memorial Fund	138.54	2.05		140.59
	32,527.86	19,531.23	4,962.53	47,096.56

3 Only the interest of the Endowment Trusts part of the investment assets is available for the PCC to use.

1. Ward Bequest, for the choir but may be otherwise allocated if the PCC so wills.(300 shares )
3. Deddington Stilgoe Bequest, for the maintenance and upkeep of church and churchyard.(818 shares)
- 4.Wheeler Trust, for the maintenance and upkeep of the church, churchyard and the Wheeler graves.(98 shares)
- 5.Vane Jones Bequest, for the maintenance of the Lady Chapel and general expenses. (65 shares)
6. Deddington Churchyard Trust, for the upkeep of Deddington Churchyard (208 shares)
7. Hempton Heating Trust, for St. John's heating bills. (78.71 shares)
8. Dedd-Hempton Church Site, for furthering religious and charitable work in the parish. (1929 shares)

The Building and Maintenance Fund represents donations and appeals for the maintenance of the churchbuilding and the churchyard, which can only be spent for that purpose.

The Christmas Lunch Fund represents grants for the provision of a lunch for parishioners who live alone or need help at Christmas. It has been laid on in the church but in recent years has been delivered to individuals. Regrettably we were unable to provide this in 2024.

The Organ Fund represents donations towards the maintenance of the pipe organ

The Foodbank Fund represents grants for the organisation of a foodbank referral point in the church which never came to fruition. The fund and any further monetary donations are now passed to the Banbury Foodbank.

The War Memorial Fund is the residue of money raised by the Royal British Legion to refurbish the memorial in the churchyard. It is intended for any to be spent on maintaining the memorial but reverts to the General Fund in 2032

#### 4 Further Analysis of Receipts

Receipts		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>(a) All other giving/voluntary Receipts</b>						
Donations	4 (a)	7,648.98	13,755.91		21,404.89	13,511.78
Legacies		600.00	5,000.00		5,600.00	18,250.00
Grants		1,313.60			1,313.60	19,848.55
		<u>9,562.58</u>	<u>18,755.91</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>28,318.49</u>	<u>51,610.33</u>
<b>(b) Activities for generating funds</b>						
Kitchen Fund Raising		805.44			805.44	744.53
OHCT Ride & Stride		235.00			235.00	351.00
Sale of Cards		245.35			245.35	266.00
Friends of Deddington Church			10,866.00		10,866.00	26,599.25
		<u>1,285.79</u>			<u>12,151.79</u>	<u>27,960.78</u>
<b>(c) Investment Income</b>						
Deposit with CCLA		691.60	1,193.64		1,885.24	2,214.80
Deddington Trusts				746.09	746.09	706.67
Hempton Heating Trust				49.38	49.38	48.64
Music & Choir Trust				772.45	772.45	460.34
Deddington/Hempton Church Site Trust				1,210.45	1,210.45	1,191.93
		<u>691.60</u>	<u>1,193.64</u>	<u>2,778.37</u>	<u>4,663.61</u>	<u>4,622.38</u>
<b>(d) Church Activities</b>						
Fees for Weddings & Funerals		2,929.00			2,929.00	1,931.00
Rents for use of church/equipment		8,350.80			8,350.80	6,849.34
Feed in Tariff PV System		4,332.74			4,332.74	4,007.63
		<u>15,612.54</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15,612.54</u>	<u>12,787.97</u>
<b>(e) Other Income</b>						
Reimbursements Barford PCC		544.70			544.70	678.24
Current Account interest		19.15			19.15	0.00
Friends of Hempton Church Insurance		1,377.22			1,377.22	1,337.05
Transport		10.00			10.00	20.00
Fees in Vacancy		2,678.00			2,678.00	2,021.00
Other refunds		1,378.88			1,378.88	222.06
		<u>6,007.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,007.95</u>	<u>4,278.35</u>

**Payments**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>(f) Mission Giving &amp; Donations</b>					
Deddington PFSU	100.00			100.00	These are one 642.00 off donations.
Bishop's Outreach Fund		642.00		642.00	
Christian Aid	271.00			271.00	The total of similar 580.00 donations
RBL Poppy Appeal	580.00			580.00	
Banbury Foodbank		2,000.00		2,000.00	in 2023 15.00 was
Friends of Christ Church	15.00			15.00	
Outreach/Children's Work	562.38	181.35		743.73	
	1,528.38	2,823.35		4,351.73	3,581.00

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>(g) Clergy &amp; Staffing Costs</b>					
Clergy Expenses	732.03			732.03	1,107.00
Fees in Vacancy	2,732.20			2,732.20	2,021.00
Organists	3,882.75		188.25	4,071.00	3,996.00
Parish Administrator	1,632.00		1,210.45	2,842.45	0.00
	8,978.98		1,398.70	10,377.68	7,124.00

<b>(h) Church Running Costs</b>					
Utilities	5,944.63		49.38	5,994.01	6,935.00
Insurance	6,501.84			6,501.84	5,998.00
Cost of Services	1,901.57		584.20	2,485.77	2,176.00
General Maintenance	5,494.92		554.07	6,048.99	5,860.00
Church Repairs	26,593.44	9,106.01		35,699.45	39,100.00
Maintenance of Churchyard	1,036.24		192.02	1,228.26	1,592.67
Performing Rights Soc	341.26			341.26	0.00
Child Protection	9.58			9.58	0.00
IT & Internet	1,146.55			1,146.55	959.33
Stationary, printing and postage	649.88			649.88	941.24
Transport	15.00			15.00	4,078.56
Royal School of Church Music	270.00			270.00	142.00
Premises & Garden Waste Licences	238.00			238.00	70.00
CCLI	605.37			605.37	574.25
Bank charges	62.25			62.25	574.00
	50,810.53	9,106.01	1,379.67	61,296.21	7,339.38

**5 Bellringers' Account**

Income	Restricted		Expenditure	Restricted	
	2024	2023		2024	2023
Donations	165.00	249.90	Maintenance	358.80	553.20
Fees	400.00	300.00	Insurance	0.00	0.00
Interest	154.25	97.01	Restricted Honoraria	245.00	200.00
Other Income	184.15	110.00	Admin	120.00	135.00
	903.40	756.91		723.80	888.20

Current Account	689.25	328.05
Deposit Account	2,978.24	3,123.99
Cash in hand	32.81	68.66
	3,700.30	3,520.70





**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

THE PCC OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SS  
PETER AND PAUL DEDDINGTON WITH CHIFTON AND HEMPTON

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1132087

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

D. Anderson

**Date:**

9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

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D. ANDERSON

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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