



**St John's**  
**Brooklands**

Extending God's welcome to everyone

# **Annual Report**

# **2024**



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*We believe that God is calling us to be the missional heart of our community as we invite everyone in Brooklands to hear God's invitation of a new relationship, belong to God's family, believe the good news about what Jesus has done for us, and experience the radical hospitality Jesus extends to everyone: an invitation to sit and eat in God's kingdom.*

## Our Vision

Extending God's welcome to everyone

## Our Mission

Welcoming you into God's family as we grow in Christ together

## Our Values

We are a **welcoming** church...

**Worship:** growing as disciples formed by God's word and Spirit

**Evangelism:** making disciples as we introduce people to Jesus

**Liturgical:** living lives shaped by God's story

**Community:** belonging to our church family

**Outward-looking:** going out beyond our four walls

**Missional:** serving God's purposes for the world

**Invitational:** inviting everyone to know Jesus for themselves

**Nurturing:** equipping everyone for ministry

**Generous:** excelling in the grace of giving

## Our Strategy

welcome to the family → grow in faith → share life together → serve in God's mission

# Our Parish Strategy and Values

## **Welcome to our family**

### **Evangelism**

*Making disciples as we introduce people to Jesus*

### **Invitational**

*Inviting everyone to come and know Jesus for themselves*

## **Grow in faith**

### **Worship**

*Growing as disciples formed by God's word and Spirit*

### **Liturgical**

*Living lives shaped by God's story*

### **Generous**

*Excelling in the grace of giving*

## **Share life together**

### **Community**

*Belonging to our church family*

## **Serve in God's mission**

### **Outward-looking**

*Going out beyond our four walls*

### **Missional**

*Serving God's purposes for the world*

### **Nurturing**

*Equipping everyone for ministry*

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# 2024 REPORTS AND MAIN AIMS FOR 2025

## VICAR'S REPORT

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

**Revelation 22:1-2**

In September 2023 the PCC identified four priority areas for 2023-2024:

- 🌳 Worship
- 🌳 Pastoral care (*integration of newcomers* | *retention*)
- 🌳 Community engagement (*social events* | *family events* | *community service*)
- 🌳 Communication

The work that we began last year has continued as we sought to focus our energies in these areas of parish life, whilst recognising that communication is an ongoing priority.

### Worship

During 2024 we have continued to review our worship. We held two Worship Review meetings (20<sup>th</sup> January & 7<sup>th</sup> February) that were open to everyone to attend. The recommendations were discussed and agreed at the March PCC meeting. The two main decisions were: (1) to continue to hold monthly creative services that we have called “Creative Communion”; and, (2) to create a Worship Planning Team to meet regularly to plan our worship.



We have held several Creative Communion services. On the 28<sup>th</sup> April we thought through what it meant to bear fruit as followers of Jesus. On 30<sup>th</sup> June we focused on St John the Divine exploring the symbols in the church and the stained-glass windows. Then on 21<sup>st</sup> July we looked at the story of Noah and created an altar frontal during the service. In September our Harvest Parade was designated a creative service when we were joined by our Guiding and Scouting groups with 20 children and 98 adults attending.





In October, in place of our Pumpkin Party we held a special Halloween Service as our monthly creative service. Some members of our regular congregation were understandably uneasy with this, however positive feedback was received from those who came along to see what was involved. The service was well attended by 37 adults and 23 children. Recognising that some regular church members didn't wish to celebrate Halloween, and it was not a

Communion service, we offered a said service of Holy Communion at 12 noon which 4 adults attended.

In October we also celebrated Black History Month. This was organised and led by John Muyita who is on placement with us from Emmanuel Theological College. We were also treated to some African food after the service which was enjoyed by all.



Our Christmas services were a great success.

The choir did a wonderful job at our Carols by Candlelight where 205 people attended, including 28 children.



We were packed again on Christmas Eve for our Crib and Christingle service with 167 adults and 85 children.



In addition to our regular Sunday morning service at 10am

we hold Choral Evensong on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 6.30pm, led by Adele Lane and Anthony Marlow. It is hoped that Adele shall begin her ALM training in Worship and Liturgy next year with the goal of being commissioned as an Authorised Lay Minister in September 2025. On Thursday mornings at 9.30am we also have a simple said service of Holy Communion prior to our Community Café.



## Pastoral Care

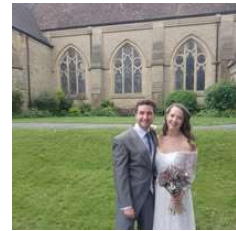


Pastoral care remained a priority with 3 **weddings**, 1 **wedding blessing**, and 5 **funerals** being conducted during the year.

In keeping with the Diocesan strategy of “growing younger” **baptism ministry** has been a particular focus, and this shall continue to be a priority area during 2025.



During 2024 we conducted 12 **baptisms**, 2 **confirmations**, and 1 **thanksgiving**.



## Community Outreach



We have sought to creatively engage with those who live in our parish. On 26<sup>th</sup> January we held our second Burns' Night social which went well, as did both our Summer Fair and Winter Fair. Thank you to all those who helped make these such a success!

Our school ministry has been a continued focus this year. I have continued in my role as a school governor at Brooklands Primary School. I took RE lessons for Year 1 at Brooklands Primary School and led a KS1 assembly at Heyes Lane Primary as well as KS1 and KS2 Harvest assemblies at Brooklands Primary. The three local primary schools (including Sandilands) all visited at Christmas.





Looking beyond the parish, in addition to running a Lent Reading Course I planned and hosted an event at Manchester Cathedral to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sea of Faith. We were fortunate to have Prof. Elaine Graham speak, and interesting discussions followed. I had hoped that this would relaunch the Manchester Branch of the Progressive Christianity Network (PCN UK), however other commitments took priority, and this was put on the backburner.

## Priorities for 2025-2026







Looking ahead to the future, we identified four priorities for 2025 at our PCC meeting in November.

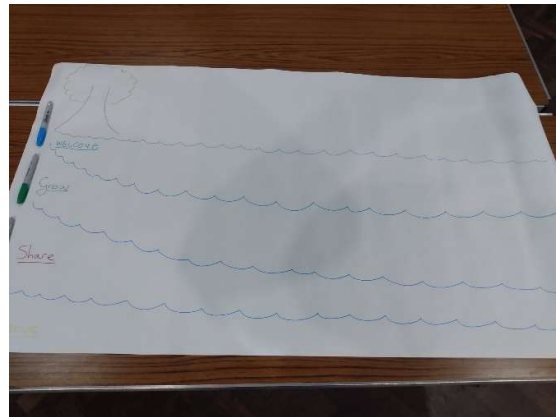
I encouraged us to reflect on the reading from Rev. 22 where the water of life flowed out from the tree of life and think of our parish strategy as having four “**Ministry Streams**”:

-  **Ministry Stream 1: Welcome** to our family
-  **Ministry Stream 2: Grow** in faith
-  **Ministry Stream 3: Share** life together
-  **Ministry Stream 4: Serve** in God’s mission

Our discussions came up with the following priorities:

-  Baptism Ministry
-  Discipleship Courses
-  Community Events
-  Serving our local community

During Q1 and Q2 our focus shall be upon baptism ministry and discipleship courses, whilst attention to both community events and serving our local community shall be ongoing, especially through our continued support of the Wythenshawe Foodbank.



In addition to this we are mindful that there are also ongoing issues with the church buildings. I am thankful that the hall roof was replaced in the Autumn. Looking ahead the Nave roof needs replacing (for which we have a Faculty) and we are in the process of finalising plans to install lighting to the northside of the church grounds.

We will also need to give attention to ensuring the continued financial sustainability of the parish over forthcoming years.

*Richard*



## Crafty Chat Report

Crafty Chat is now in its eleventh year and is still going strong with a good number of members attending twice a month. More members are beginning to get involved with different projects and at the moment a few are having in house crochet lessons led by Gina.

Our post-box toppers have been very popular, and we've had some lovely comments. In the last 12 months we have made an Easter, Remembrance and a Christmas Nativity scene. Sadly, someone took a liking to our Christmas one, but it isn't going to put us off.

The response to the request by Richard for Pumpkins was amazing and it was great to see so many members joining in.

As usual we had stalls at the Summer and Winter Fairs and raised a generous sum of money towards the church. We also raised £80 for Children in Need by making and selling Pudsey Bears. I've just handed a cheque for £135 to the Snowdrop centre at Wythenshawe hospital along with lots of hand knitted or crochet blankets, and premature baby clothes. All of these have been greatly appreciated.

The year ended with 20 plus members enjoying our annual Christmas meal at the Quarry Bank.

*Chris Padbury*

## Flower Guild Report

Unfortunately, there are now only four members of the Flower Guild. Ruth has retired after being a member for over 20 years and Marcela and Judith have other commitments. We thank them all for their expertise, hard work and time. They have contributed enormously to the festival displays and general routines. We hope more people will volunteer to join us during the coming year.

We now have a selection of artificial arrangements which we use for the altar and candle. We arrange fresh flowers for the festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas. We do not have flowers in church during Lent and Advent. We also decorate the candle at the font with fresh flowers for Baptisms whenever possible.

We have a meeting each January to arrange the rota for the year ahead.

We look forward to another year of flower arranging when we will provide colourful floral displays for the church.

*Lynda Tattersall*

### The Flower Guild

Lynda Tattersall  
Lilian Swann

Hilary Hamblett  
Susan Wildman

## Thursday Café Report

Another busy year for the community café on a Thursday morning. This continues to be a place of relaxed conversation, friendship and a space to meet new people.

The café runs throughout the year offering a consistent venue and as it is on a donation basis for refreshments continues to be inclusive to all. The café attracts and welcomes in new visitors as well as providing the relaxed atmosphere that regulars enjoy and come back for each week.

Refreshments are served from 10 -12 from a rota of dedicated volunteers, serving with a smile.

We continue to have the added interest of a pop-up stall, selling good as new items or a raffle. In the last year a total of £2,541 has been raised from donations for refreshments and from the stall. The book and jigsaw tables are well stocked and a valuable place to acquire or swap these items.

This café can only run with the willingness and enthusiastic giving of a core group of volunteers. They turn up early to set up, serve refreshments, run the stalls, provide background music and then tidy it all way. A huge thank you to this group who work so hard to keep this community café an important part of St John's mission.

*Janet Hunter*

## Women's Fellowship Report

Women's Fellowship continues to meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm. We have 21 members and have recently welcomed a new member.

We have had another friendly and enjoyable year with a variety of activities, always followed by tea and biscuits and lots of chatting. In addition to quizzes, a game of bingo and an observation game of Spot the Difference, our meetings have included a St George's Day Afternoon Tea, an informative talk on Teaching the Deaf, a talk and slide show on 'A Holiday in South Korea', and a Mindful Adult Colouring session which needed concentration, so it was a quieter meeting than usual!

We also had a trip to Holmfirth and Tong Garden Centre near Bradford, our usual Summer Supper at The Boathouse, and our Christmas Dinner which, this year, was at The Quarry Bank in Timperley. Members also enjoyed taking an active part in the Summer and Winter Fairs, running stalls and helping with refreshments.

Women's Fellowship is open to everyone, not just church members and meetings are always varied, pleasurable, and very friendly. As usual, we would love to welcome new members in 2025.

*Carole Herd*

# Buildings Report

This year has been a busy and as anticipated an expensive year for maintenance and repair of the church buildings.

## The Church

Church cellar - Work to remove asbestos from around the pipes and walls in cellar was completed in March. This included emptying of the cellar from potentially contaminated contents and relining of pipes. The cost for this was £36,054.

A replacement protection cover for a round window on the south side of the church was fitted in June, following an earlier storm and the loss of the previous cover, at a cost of £675.

The organ has required repair and maintenance work this year which was completed by two different companies on two occasions through the year at a total cost of £3,603.

Repair work to the choir vestry safe was required to maintain its use.

The church carpet has had some remedial work to stretch out areas that were problematic.





## The Hall

The main focus of activities during the year has been the major restoration of the exterior hall roof, an 8-week programme that started in September 2024. This included part removal of the old roof, installation of insulation and new roof and replacing the interior lower ceiling and lighting. The total cost including architect, project management and work completed was for £134,336.

## Dalebrook Road

The house on Dalebrook Road required some new appliances, fencing, keys and repairs prior to new tenants moving in, in August 2024. This was at a cost of £1,586.

## Future works Required to the Church

-  External lighting to the North side of the church
-  Demolition of the hut
-  Safety railing to cellar steps
-  Repair of the Nave roof

Janet Hunter  
Church Warden

## Finance Report

As expected, this has been a very expensive year. The first quotes to replace the hall roof were obtained in 2019 and the five-year budget approved by the PCC towards the end of that year contained a prediction that £75000 would be spent replacing it in 2021. However, because of Covid, everything got delayed, costs spiralled, contractors became difficult to get hold of and it seemed as if it would never happen. In 2023, the PCC agreed to use the architects to manage the project. This has added an extra layer of costs but within twenty months of that decision quotes were obtained, the faculty was granted, and the work was completed. Although the work on the church hall roof was expected, it was not anticipated that the same year would require £31,000 to be spent on asbestos remediation in the cellar. This work was completed in the Spring.

The budget for the year excluding these projects, and the budget for 2025 were causing concern as losses were predicted for the general running of the church if Parish Share was to be maintained at current levels. A Stewardship Sunday was held at the end of October and the response to this was very positive. Thank you so much to everyone who responded. Thank you also to all those members of our church family who continue to support us with standing orders, envelopes, card payments, collection and donations. We really do appreciate every pound that we are given. Voluntary Giving was slightly lower this year due to a drop in planned giving. This was compensated by an increase in giving at services and donations.

The footfall at our community fairs seemed slightly down but the income they produced held up and Thursday café again contributed over £2000 as well as being a very valuable community resource. These events require a lot of work to put on and we are very grateful to the teams involved and all who help. Fees for life events were slightly higher than last year, and hall rents also increased despite the roof leaking.

The hut has continued to be closed, and it seems that it has now reached the end of its useful life. Property rent has reduced slightly due to three months in between tenants, but the current rent is higher than the previous rent due to an increase in market rents.

The donations at Jill Chandler's funeral raised £440 for which we are very thankful, and we were very grateful to receive a legacy from the late Dorothy Sykes. This was restricted to being used for the music at church and £2000 of it funded some of the organ repairs. The remaining repairs were largely covered by a transfer from the organ fund. Both the asbestos remediation and the hall roof works were eligible under the Listed Places of Worship scheme for a grant to cover the VAT and these grants have now been received. With such expensive projects being carried out, other expenses were kept to a minimum during the year and this was helped by a slightly lower parish share amount being agreed with the diocese in September.

Adele Lane  
**Treasurer**

## PCC LEADERSHIP AND MAKE UP 2024

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

### Aim and purposes

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has a shared responsibility in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

### Objectives and activities





At the heart of our church life is the worship of God, everything else comes from that worship. We seek to reach upwards to God in worship and adoration, inward to one another in fellowship and outwards to the community and the world in witness and service. 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 John's.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular the PCC is committed to promoting the work of the church in the following areas:








- **Worship, prayer and spirituality:** the maintenance and provision of regular Sunday and weekday worship, celebration of festivals, preparation for baptism, weddings and funerals and the nurture and teaching of faith
- **Social and Community Outreach:** opening the church building to the people of the parish for social and community events, social and fundraising events, the support and involvement in community activities
- **Pastoral:** visiting the sick and the housebound, support for those in need, prayer with and for those in need
- **Mission and Evangelism:** financial, prayerful and active support of world and national mission agencies, concern and involvement in local needs
- **The wider church:** the deanery, diocese and wider Church of England, ecumenical relationships

### Main things PCC did in 2024

There have been four full meetings of the PCC in March, May, September, and November, with extended meetings in January and February (open to the wider congregation) to take forward our review of worship. Items on the agenda for approval at our main PCC meetings this year included:

-  Annual Report and Accounts 2023
-  Safeguarding Policy (annually)
-  Eucharistic Assistants
-  Review of worship



-  Frequency of Holy Communion
-  Lighting scheme for northside of church grounds
-  Setting up a new bank account
-  Removal of hut
-  Budget and parish share
-  Archdeacons Visitation
-  Pastoral care

At every meeting this year we have discussed our church buildings and the work needed to keep them safe, from replacing the roof to mending potholes. Looking after a listed building involves specialist contractors and requires discussion with – and permission from – the diocese before any major repairs can be undertaken.

### Membership 2024

Vicar:	Richard Sherratt
Churchwarden:	Janet Hunter
Deanery Synod representatives:	Wilfred Darlington
<b><i>Elected members (until 2025):</i></b>	Nicola Ashton (Eco Champion) Kirstie Lea ( <i>until November 2024</i> ) James Merryweather Rod Tattersall
<b><i>Elected members (until 2026):</i></b>	Wilfred Darlington
<b><i>Elected members (until 2027):</i></b>	Sarah McMurdo Phil Makins Nwabugo Ubochi
<b><i>Coopted members (until 2025):</i></b>	Adele Lane (Treasurer) Maureen Tewnion
<b><i>In attendance:</i></b>	Susan Wildman (PCC Secretary)

### Other PCC committees/groups

The PCC at St John's has a Standing Committee. Membership of this committee along with its duties and is defined by law in the Church Representation Rules, abbreviated to CRR (**CRR M31(6)**).

#### ***Standing Committee members:***

- Richard Sherratt (incumbent)
- Janet Hunter (churchwarden)
- Adele Lane (treasurer)
- Rod Tattersall
- Nicola Ashton

*In attendance:* Susan Wildman (PCC Secretary)

**Administrative Information**

St John's is situated in Brooklands, Sale. It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England and is in the Deanery of Stretford and Manchester South in the Archdeaconry of Manchester.

The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 186 Brooklands Road, Sale, M33 3PB.

Registered charity number: 1132141

The address of the Parish website is [www.stjohnsbrooklands.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsbrooklands.org.uk)

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE  
DIVINE, BROOKLANDS  
(Registered charity number 1132141)**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

## **PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

I report to the members of PCC St John the Divine, Brooklands on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As members of the PCC, 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 Parochial Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with those records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

E Armstrong FCCA

19 March 2025

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024 Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2024 Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>2024 TOTAL Funds £</b>	<b>2023 TOTAL Funds £</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Voluntary Giving	1	2325	42324	44649	45747
Church groups and events	2	-	7614	7614	7262
General Income	3	-	22677	22677	23516
Other Income	4	3907	34960	38867	5122
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		6232	107575	113807	81647
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<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Parish Share	5	-	33000	33000	36000
Clergy Expenses	6	-	4474	4474	5631
Worship	7	146	5912	6058	5693
Charitable and other donations	8	-	-	-	830
Church groups and events	9	-	1619	1619	1262
Church Fabric	10	2075	55946	58021	24773
Premises Fabric	11	1250	140541	141791	12603
Property Fabric	12	-	2103	2103	2482
Other Parochial Expenses	13	-	14359	14359	7996
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		3471	257954	261425	97270
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<b>Net Income before Investment Gains or losses</b>		<b>2761</b>	<b>(150379)</b>	<b>(147618)</b>	<b>(15623)</b>
<b>Gains/(Losses) on Investments</b>					
Flower Fund	14	-	48	48	(45)
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<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>2761</b>	<b>(150331)</b>	<b>(147570)</b>	<b>(15668)</b>
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		<b>12740</b>	<b>392094</b>	<b>404834</b>	<b>420502</b>
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<b>TOTALS FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>15501</b>	<b>241763</b>	<b>257264</b>	<b>404834</b>
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**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS**

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
<b>Property – Curate’s House</b>			
39 Dalebrook Road		211640	211640
<b>Investments</b>			
Flower Fund	14	1899	1851
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>213539</b>	<b>213491</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	15	29172	2276
Deposit Accounts at CBF	17	16116	146789
Deposit Accounts at Bank		530	523
Current Accounts at Bank		5151	46719
Cash in Hand		1177	1393
		52146	197700
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	16	7421	5357
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>44725</b>	<b>192343</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>258264</b>	<b>405834</b>
Creditors – amounts falling due after one year			
Provisions for liabilities	16	1000	1000
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>257264</b>	<b>404834</b>
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted		241763	392094
Restricted	18	15501	12740
<b>BALANCE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024</b>		<b>257264</b>	<b>404834</b>

Approved by the PCC on 26 March 2025

## **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparation**

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS 102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

##### **Incoming Resources**

Planned Giving, collections and all other donations are accounted for when received. Gift Aid tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate.

Funds raised by the Summer Fair, Winter Fair and similar events and activities are accounted for gross, as are sales of magazines and books.

Rental income from the letting of the church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

##### **Expenditure and Liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable. Provisions are shown at best estimate of the amount required.

##### **Assets**

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 and such assets are excluded from the accounts.

The Hall and Hut are similarly excluded from the accounts, being regarded equally as inalienable property of the Church.

No value is placed on church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on behalf of the PCC and which require a Faculty for disposal. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off during the year.

All other equipment belonging to the PCC is written off at the time of purchase.

The curate's house is included in the accounts at its carrying value at 1 January 2015 plus the cost of subsequent improvements.

No depreciation is provided on the curate's house, as the currently estimated residual value is not less than the value in the accounts and the remaining useful life of this property is such that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments are valued at market value at the year end.

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 TOTAL Funds £	2023 TOTAL Funds £
<b>1</b> <b><u>Voluntary Giving.</u></b>				
Planned Giving	-	27889	27889	30998
Income Tax recovered	250	10544	10794	10470
Giving at services	-	3343	3343	2329
Other donations	2075	548	2623	1950
	<hr/> 2325	<hr/> 42324	<hr/> 44649	<hr/> 45747
<b>2</b> <b><u>Church groups and events</u></b>				
Community Fairs	-	3830	3830	4115
Thursday Café sales	-	1479	1479	835
Crafty Chat sales	-	31	31	-
Burns Night Social	-	232	232	-
Little Blessings	-	978	978	1007
Thursday Café donations	-	1064	1064	1305
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 7614	<hr/> 7614	<hr/> 7262
<b>3</b> <b><u>General Income</u></b>				
Life Events	-	2896	2896	2137
Premises rent: Hall	-	9031	9031	8035
Hut	-	-	-	1944
Property rent	-	10750	10750	11400
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 22677	<hr/> 22677	<hr/> 23516
<b>4</b> <b><u>Other Income</u></b>				
In memoriam: Jill Chandler	-	440	440	-
Bequest: Dorothy Sykes	3000	-	3000	-
Interest on Deposits	761	7104	7865	4562
Flower Fund dividend	116	-	116	110
Donations for flowers	30	-	30	120
LPW Grant received in respect of VAT charged on asbestos remediation	-	4850	4850	-
LPW Grant receivable in respect of VAT charged on hall re-roofing	-	22389	22389	-
Sundry income	-	177	177	330
	<hr/> 3907	<hr/> 34960	<hr/> 38867	<hr/> 5122

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Note		2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 TOTAL Funds £	2023 TOTAL Funds £
<b>5</b>	<b><u>Parish Share</u></b> Paid during the year	-	33000	33000	36000
<b>6</b>	<b><u>Clergy Expenses</u></b> Expenses of office: Vicar Curate Council Tax, water charges etc.	- - -	512 - 3962	512 - 3962	1058 1197 3376
		-	4474	4474	5631
<b>7</b>	<b><u>Worship</u></b> Altar and choir requisites etc. Staff (Organists, choir, vergers) Children's Ministry	146 - -	2464 3312 136	2610 3312 136	2644 3049 -
		146	5912	6058	5693
<b>8</b>	<b><u>Donations</u></b> Food ministry: Local food bank initiative	- -	- -	- -	830 830
<b>9</b>	<b><u>Church groups and events</u></b> Community Fairs Little Blessings Pumpkin Party Other Community Engagement Events	- - - -	333 1286 - -	333 1286 - -	205 248 179 630
		-	1619	1619	1262

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Note	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 TOTAL Funds £	2023 TOTAL Funds £
<b>10 Church Fabric</b>				
Gas and Electricity	-	6095	6095	5292
Cleaning, insurance etc.	-	6665	6665	5317
Maintenance and repair	-	3604	3604	7388
Organ maintenance and repairs	2075	1528	3603	878
Asbestos remediation (cellar)	-	36054	36054	-
Maintenance of grounds	-	2000	2000	5898
	2075	55946	58021	24773
<b>11 Premises Fabric</b>				
<u>Hall</u>				
Gas, electricity, water, cleaning etc.	-	7176	7176	3085
Maintenance and repair	-	107	107	7457
Roof replacement	1250	133087	134337	-
	1250	140370	141620	10542
<u>Hut</u>				
Electricity, water, cleaning etc.	-	171	171	1811
Maintenance and repair	-	-	-	250
	-	171	171	2061
<b>Hall &amp; Hut total</b>	1250	140541	141791	12603
<b>12 Property (Dalebrook Road)</b>				
Maintenance, repairs, insurance etc.	-	1893	1893	2482
Gas & electricity	-	210	210	-
	-	2103	2103	2482
<b>13 Other Parochial Expenses</b>				
Stewardship expenses	-	170	170	155
Parish administration	-	6028	6028	6140
Parish communications	-	233	233	656
Hospitality	-	491	491	737
Children's outreach and equipment	-	-	-	52
Training, nurture, pastoral expenses	-	-	-	80
Amounts due re. previous years.	-	7115	7115	-
Sundry expenses	-	322	322	176
	-	14359	14359	7996



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		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>14</b>	<b><u>Flower Fund</u></b>		
	M&G Equities Investment Fund for Charities		
	129 Charifund Units		
	Market value at 1 January 2024	1851	1896
	Net gain/(loss) in value	48	(45)
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	Market value at 31 December 2024	1899	1851
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	The Flower Fund was established to provide regular funds for flowers in church.		
<b>15</b>	<b><u>Debtors</u></b>		
	Tax recoverable	2427	2276
	Hall & hut rents due	700	-
	Interest receivable	656	-
	Grants receivable under LPOW scheme	22389	-
	Other accrued income	3000	-
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		29172	2276
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<b>16</b>	<b><u>Creditors</u></b>		
	<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
	Fees outstanding	4968	-
	Accruals for utilities and other costs	2067	5357
	Income received in error	386	-
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		7421	5357
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	<b>Amounts falling due after one year</b>		
	Provision for hall floor resurfacing	1000	500
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		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>17</b>	<b><u>Deposit Accounts at CBF</u></b>		
	Fabric Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2024	113213	109698
	Withdrawn re. asbestos remediation	(31204)	-
	Withdrawn re. hall roof	(85796)	-
	Interest received	5421	3515
	<b>Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2024</b>	<b>1634</b>	<b>113213</b>
	New Fabric Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2024	5170	5010
	Withdrawn re. hall roof	(5000)	-
	Interest received	274	160
	<b>Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2024</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>5170</b>
	Organ Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2024	943	913
	Withdrawn re. organ repairs	(876)	-
	Interest received	50	30
	<b>Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2024</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>943</b>
	General Legacy Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2024	15854	15362
	Withdrawn re. stained glass protection	(696)	-
	Withdrawn re. hall roof	(14304)	-
	Interest received	842	492
	<b>Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2024</b>	<b>1696</b>	<b>15854</b>
	New Roof Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2024	11609	11248
	Interest received	616	361
	<b>Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2024</b>	<b>12225</b>	<b>11609</b>
	<b>Total deposits at 31 December 2024</b>	<b><u>16116</u></b>	<b><u>146789</u></b>
	<b>Interest receivable at 31 December 2024:</b>		
	Fabric Fund	292	-
	New Fabric Fund	29	-
	Organ Fund	7	-
	General Legacy Fund	183	-
	New Roof Fund	145	-
	Included in debtors at the year end	<u>656</u>	<u>-</u>

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	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>18    <u>Movement in Restricted Funds</u></b>		
<b>    New Roof Fund</b>		
Balance at 1 January 2024	11609	11248
Incoming resources (Interest on deposits)		
Interest received	616	361
Interest receivable	145	-
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Balance at 31 December 2024	12370	11609
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<p>The fund is invested in the New Roof Fund Deposit at CBF.  The purpose of the New Roof Fund is to build up a fund for the eventual renewal of the church roof and the money retained in this fund was given for this specific purpose.</p>		
<b>    Hall Refurbishment Fund</b>		
Balance at 1 January 2024	1131	1131
Incoming resources	-	-
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Balance at 31 December 2024	1131	1131
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<p>The Hall Refurbishment fund relates to funds raised  For this purpose.</p>		
<b>    Music Legacy Fund</b>		
Legacy from D Sykes (to be spent on music at the church)	3000	-
Organ repairs carried out	(2000)	-
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Balance at 31 December 2024	1000	-
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<b>    Restricted Fabric Fund</b>		
Donation received in the year to be spent on fabric	1000	-
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<b>Total Restricted Funds at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>15501</b>	<b>12740</b>
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All other restricted income received in the year was expended in the year.

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<b>Note</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>

**19 Designated Funds**

There were four designated funds at the end of the year.  
These are invested in CBF deposit accounts.

<b>Fabric Fund</b>	Balance at 1 Jan 2024	113213	109698
	Withdrawn re asbestos remediation	(31204)	-
	Withdrawn re. hall roof	(85796)	-
	Interest for the year	5713	3515
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	Balance at 31 Dec 2024	1926	113213
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>New Fabric Fund</b>	Balance at 1 Jan 2024	5170	5010
	Withdrawn re. hall roof	(5000)	-
	Interest for the year	303	160
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	Balance at 31 Dec 2024	473	5170
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<b>Organ Fund</b>	Balance at 1 Jan 2024	943	913
	Withdrawn re. organ repairs	(876)	-
	Interest for the year	57	30
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	Balance at 31 Dec 2024	124	943
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<b>General Legacy Fund</b>	Balance at 1 Jan 2024	29354	28862
	Withdrawn re. stained glass protection	(696)	-
	Withdrawn re. hall roof	(27804)	-
	Interest for the year	1025	492
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	Balance at 31 Dec 2024	1879	29354
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The General Legacy Fund is a fund into which any unrestricted legacy received by the church is transferred.  
The fund is used for equipment or special projects.

**20 Staff salaries**

Staff salaries	<u>7856</u>	<u>5184</u>
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No members of the PCC, or their spouses, received any payments in remuneration from PCC funds.

The average weekly number of staff employed during the year was 2.