



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF PATCHAM ALL SAINTS,
DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER**

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1132273

**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Patcham All Saints, Diocese of Chichester

Working Names: All Saints Patcham PCC
The Parish of Patcham (All Saints)
All Saints
Patcham

Charity Number: 1132273

Principal Address: All Saints Church Office
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Trustees:

The Rev'd Caz Dunk (to 9 March 2025)
The Rev'd Mark Rodger (from 29 Jan 2024)
Mrs Linda Baker (to 28 April 2024)
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Ms Elizabeth Dwiar
Mr David Etherton (from 28 April 2024)
Mrs Susan England
Mrs Tanya Gambardella (to 28 April 2024)
Mr Jonathan Gowers (from 28 April 2024)
Mr Patrick Harrex (from 28 April 2024)
Mr Bob Hill (to 29 April 2024)
Mrs Kim Hill
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Mr Roger Newman (to 28 April 2024)
Mrs Olive Ridge
Mrs Jody Sharp
Mrs Rita Stone (from 28 April 2024)
Miss Caroline Thomas
Mr Matthew Willetts (to 28 April 2024)

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Appointments

PCC Chair	The Rev'd Tom Holbird (from 27 Aug 2023 to 23 Feb 2024) The Rev'd Mark Rodger (from 23 Feb 2024)
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The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024:

A. Aims and Purposes

The primary objective of Patcham All Saints PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

When planning our activities for the year, the clergy and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

B. Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

The objectives of the PCC in cooperation with the clergy are:-

- to promote All Saints and The Ascension as places of prayer, worship and Christian Fellowship
- to proclaim the Gospel through preaching, teaching and building relationships
- to provide pastoral and spiritual care to regular members and to the wider parish, without cost to the individuals concerned
- to make activities available to residents in the Parish
- to make the Church, Church Centre, Church Barn and rooms at the Ascension available for use by local groups and individuals
- to support agencies seeking to alleviate poverty and promote the Gospel both locally and abroad

C. Overview

On 28th January the Rev'd Mark Rodger was licensed as Associate Vicar of All Saints, Patcham to lead the Parish under the leadership of the Rev'd Tom Holbird (Priest-in-Charge at St Matthias Fiveways and All Saints' Patcham).

On Vision Sunday in May, Mark shared our vision to play our part in the evangelism of the nation, the revitalisation of the church and the transformation of society. He explained that a significant part of this would be to grow All Saints to become a resourcing church for three distinct areas of Parish, before sending a team to revitalise The Ascension, Westdene and in the future send a team to plant a new church in Hollingbury.

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Evangelisation of the nation:

One of the highlights of 2024 was Baptism Sunday in October when Russell, Joe and Will were baptised and we celebrated all that God had done in their lives. Later in November, Gary was confirmed at St. Peter's Brighton, another wonderful symbol of God's work in his life. Alpha continued to be a pillar of our strategy to help people explore faith in Jesus and we ran three Alpha courses for people exploring faith for the first time as well as those rediscovering their faith.

Sundays continued to be a place where people encountered Jesus for the first time.

Residents from a local care home commented:

"This church just says, "You're so welcome!"

Many of the big guest services throughout the year were full with standing room only including Easter, Remembrance Sunday, Patcham Infant Year 2 Nativity, Patcham Junior Year 3 Nativity and Carols by Candlelight. Other special services reached out to people who do not usually come to our church including our two Toddler Carols, Christingle, Midnight Communion and Christmas Day Celebration.

Revitalisation of the church:

In the early part of 2024, Mark and Laura hosted drinks with small groups of the church family to hear their stories of faith, life and church and share their own. They also hosted a Volunteers Night to thank the many volunteers in the Parish who have given so much in the last season.

As part of the strategy for growth, All Saints hosted 12 Hours of Prayer in November with over 30 adults joining through the day and ending with an additional six families praying together in a variety of interactive ways.

Although the church is more about a community of apprentices of Jesus knowing Him more clearly, loving Him more dearly and following Him more nearly, and not simply about the number of people attending, it is encouraging to see that the usual number of people gathering on a Sunday has been consistently growing since 2022. In fact, 2024 saw us reach our highest levels of attenders and highest percentage of children since 2015.

Transformation of society:

2024 saw the beginning of Unite, a support group for parents, grandparents and carers with children with neurodiversity and/or additional needs. The group meets to share their experiences and support one another and share the experiences of raising a neurodiverse young person. The challenges for parents, their carers and schools are huge and the group has been looking how best to support more people and advocate for positive change. The focus is on listening, sharing anxieties and or concerns alongside the opportunity to discuss ways forward.

Anonymous comments received from group members include:

"I have been a member of UNITE since the first meeting (July 2024). I am a parent of a 13 year old boy with a diagnosis of ADHD. We have lived in the parish of All Saints, Patcham for a couple of years and at a time when our son was making the transition to secondary school. The group supports both parents and grandparents of children with neurodiversity."

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"I have found the group incredibly helpful. The meetings give us an opportunity to openly share our experiences, and be vulnerable as we talk about the difficult experiences. We can also see how God is working alongside us; through showing his compassion and presence during the meetings, and also through his responses to our prayers. Although we are aware of how important it is to listen to others in the group and hold back from giving advice, our family have certainly benefited from hearing about how others have approached schooling and family life."

"It has been very reassuring to share difficult issues and at the same time very humbling to listen to the challenging circumstances that other families face".

D. Activities held toward meeting the objectives:

1. Promoting All Saints and The Ascension as places of prayer, worship and Christian Fellowship

All Saints' and Ascension provided both weekly worship and one-off special events throughout 2024. It has been great to welcome new people and families to our Sunday services, as well as see our Worship Team grow at All Saints with the appointment of a new worship pastor joining the team in December. As part of our vision to grow All Saints to be a resourcing church to the three distinct areas of Parish, the PCC decided to reduce the number of services at Ascension to once a month from September and bi-monthly from January in order to focus on growing All Saints. At the same time, planning began to introduce a contemporary morning service at 9:45am followed by a more traditional service at 11:30am. The new services began on 19th January 2025 and this introduction has proven popular, allowing All Saints to better serve the needs of its inter-generational congregation.

Both churches are equipped with modern heating, lighting and audio-visual systems, with volunteers providing a warm welcome & refreshments. A website has been maintained for both churches to give information to the general public about the facilities we offer and times of services.

All Saints Church is open during the day and available for individuals to visit for private prayer.

2. Proclaiming the Gospel through preaching, teaching, and building relationships

To enable worship to take place in both churches as much as possible, we continued to share resources which included sharing preaching/teaching themes, using both live and recorded sermons. Our midweek Said Communion Service continued to meet monthly, and was a highlight for many. It has proved popular with the more elderly in our congregation, some of whom do not attend our Sunday services. The average attendance of eighteen to twenty people enjoy refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

A regular attendee has said:

"I have found it an encouraging and helpful space in a more intimate atmosphere and look forward to the monthly meeting".

Across the year we ran 3 Alpha courses, giving guests a chance to ask questions and explore the Christian faith in a fun, no-pressure environment. We had over 20 guests join us, and joined in with the St Peter's Family of Churches Holy Spirit Away Days. We've seen people deepen an existing faith

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in Jesus through the course, as well as see people give their lives to Christ, and have been so encouraged by what the Lord has done through Alpha, as well as to the team who have facilitated the courses.

One guest said:

"Since inviting Jesus into my life, I feel a lot calmer, and I have learnt that I always have someone there who I can always rely on. I have learnt to be more compassionate, and I can trust him to guide me in the right direction when needed, which is great comfort."

Parish Zoom Prayer continued to be a feature in 2024, meeting on Mondays at 8.30am and 7.30pm to read the Scriptures and pray for the community, local and global issues and personal needs, with an opportunity to share words of encouragement and answers to prayers and, in a year of change and decision, seeking God's leading for the life and mission of the church. At any one meeting, an average of seven participants were present on the calls.

Participants commented:

"Zoom Prayer is a lifeline especially when I can't get to church"

"It is so much easier to pray with others than alone"

It has been wonderful to see our monthly in-person Prayer Gathering continuing throughout 2024, focusing on intercession for our Church, the city, and beyond. Beginning with worship, it is an hour of interactive and creative prayer, often hosted by a member of the congregation.

One regular attendee commented:

"I do see that as a very important meeting and a foundational meeting for our ministry together".

Our Easter programme was full this year, with the usual Maundy Thursday meal, Good Friday service and Easter Sunday Celebration. There was also the addition of a Good Friday Bake-Along event for families, giving the opportunity to explore the Easter story whilst baking a treat together. This was hosted in the Barn and was attended by a mix of church families and guests.

The month of December was busy, with multiple Christmas services and events which were advertised throughout the Parish, sharing the Gospel message of Christmas. We again hosted two Carols by Candlelight services in order to welcome more guests, and were pleased to welcome over 280 guests. The traditional mulled wine and mince pies were served in between the two services outside the church, which worked well.

After a very successful first Toddler Carols in 2023 we ran two Toddler Carol services this year, back to back in the Barn. The weather was awful, however numbers were only slightly down on last year (with 119 people over the two services). The atmosphere was great as small people and their grown ups engaged with the Christmas story and enjoyed refreshments after from a lovely Christmas market style stall.

On Christmas Eve, the ever-popular Christingle service welcomed families from across the Parish, and the Midnight Service was a wonderful chance for reflection.

Quiet Space, held monthly, enabled participants to reflect and contemplate on what God may be saying either individually or collectively.

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It has been so exciting to see God adding to the number in Junior Church during the year and to see friendships grow among families. We are so grateful to the committed, and growing, team who teach and encourage the children in their faith each week. In 2024, the children explored the Lord's Prayer, Old Testament heroes such as Elijah and Daniel, and spent some time digging into the events of Holy Week.

Toddler Church continues to grow. We started the year with five regular children and finished with nine. As the children have got older we have changed the routine to have more structure, so each week there is free play, snack, news, Bible story, prayer time, an activity and singing. This change has been received well by both children and the team. This year more mums have also been staying in with their small babies so the room is busy. We often welcome visitors who will stay with their young children.

Parents say:

"The new routine really engages the children"

"My child feels loved and accepted at toddler church"

"I love that our toddler church is not just childcare but an opportunity to help each child engage with a God who loves them"

It is heartwarming to hear positive comments from the children, such as:

"Jesus is my friend!" (aged 3)

In February, we hosted a Pancake Party for church families where we ate together and introduced Lent, which will likely become a regular event in the calendar.

We continued to build links with local primary schools in our Parish. Both Patcham Infants and Junior Schools hosted their Christmas Carol services at All Saints, with over three hundred invited family and friends attending, and we were able to speak and share the message of Christmas, with one family coming to church off the back of the school concert, and continuing to worship with us into 2025. Three Year 1 classes from Patcham Infants visited All Saints to learn about the Church, its worship, community and activities for their curriculum studies, and we were able to provide an interactive session with ninety children.

Patcham Infants Year 1 Teacher:

"A huge thank you to everyone involved in making our trip so successful this morning! We all thoroughly enjoyed it and I know the children have learnt a lot. See you again next year!"

Rev'd Caz Dunk & Rev Mark Rodger were also invited to visit Westdene Primary School to share the Christmas message at an assembly, and some classes.

3. Providing pastoral and spiritual care to regular members and the wider parish, without cost to the individuals concerned

A small group continued to meet during 2024 to pray and review the care we provided to church members. Telephone contacts continued throughout the year and Communion visits were offered by a small team to those who were housebound or had moved to nursing homes. In addition we have

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increased the number of homegroups from five to seven where those within the groups support, encourage and pray for one another.

The Parish Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service was held in mid-November at All Saints' offering an occasion for bereaved family and friends to remember their loved ones in a more reflective service and the opportunity to light a candle in their memory. The service was offered to the wider community and by personal invitation to the family of those for whom funerals have been conducted in the past. This service was much appreciated by those attending.

In November, All Saints' held a whole church prayer day which was well attended and edifying to all those in attendance.

One attendee commented:

"It was a real joy for us to gather as a church to hear God for the ongoing life and work of All Saints on the 9th November. We had various prayer stations around the room and it was well supported with a constant flow of people throughout the day, including children."

4. Making activities available to residents in the Parish

The Friends of All Saints planned events aimed at helping the community be more aware of the Church, as well as to fundraise, and 2024 was busier than ever.

An evening of sea shanties with the Wellington Wailers (postponed from October 2023) took place in January. Tickets, which included a ploughman's supper, went very quickly and the Church Barn was packed for the event. The Wailers waived a fee, instead asking that any donations from the event go to the RNLI. Guests had a wonderful time.

On 18th May, The Friends held the second of their annual plant sales in the Church Barn which was hugely popular. They very much appreciated the donations of plants received as well as meeting so many enthusiastic members of the church and the local community. These events give the opportunity to meet so many local people, plus providing cake and refreshments too.

On the 2nd June, the Friends hosted a Concert for Ukraine with over 100 people attending, following a member of the church approaching the Friends requesting this. The evening was a real success, with Ukrainian women providing traditional food and a very popular UK-based Ukrainian singer, Ivor Grohotsky, performing a range of music, mostly in Ukrainian and some in English. He was joined by other locally based Ukrainian singers, some wearing traditional Ukrainian dress. Many Brighton and Hove-based Ukrainians were in the audience and it was a very moving performance for everyone who attended, ending with traditional dancing in the church.

Opening the church for the annual Heritage Open Days on the 14th and 15th September was well attended. In past years, the event has simply been about opening the church to enable visitors to explore the building and its history, with stewards available to support them. This year however, the Friends organised events over the weekend, with a talk by local author, Mike Howard, reading from his first children's book, 'Dexter and the Naughty Poo', Geoff Mead, a local historian, giving a talk on The History of Patcham, the Patcham History Group providing tours of the graveyard and Southwick-based Sussex harmony Choir performing songs from their repertoire. This was a brilliant opportunity for both local people and visitors to see the church and to have a chat with us, as well as

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to learn more about the history of the church and to enjoy refreshments. It is always a very positive and enjoyable experience when members of the congregation come together with a purpose.

The Friends held an Open Arts and Crafts morning again on 7th December. They were able to book more crafters this year, as well as artists, and offered soup lunches, mulled alcohol-free drinks and mince pies. A lot more affordable items were available this year, providing an ideal opportunity to meet people in the local community.

Funding opportunities: The Friends have been blessed by the generosity of local antique furniture restorer and Patcham resident, Anthony Meadows, who restored the historic church chest, thought to be from the Jacobean period. The chest is now placed in the chancel and we are very thankful for Anthony's willingness and expertise. The Friends have also funded two sets of extendable candle snuffers, plants and plant-tubs for the Church Barn and a memorial bench to be placed in the churchyard. We were also able to commission a very detailed report on the state of the church bells and bell-tower by John Taylor & Company.

Over the summer the church hosted a Women's social on the beach in Hove. Over 20 attended of all ages. Comments received from attendees have been very positive, with many participants saying:

They "Loved it.....from planning onwards"

"A swim in the sea in the sunshine, bacon butty afterwards, great conversations with my female friends.....When do we get together again?"

Bob Hill continued to organise and host men's gatherings at his home, including a summer BBQ and a Christmas event in December.

Our parent & toddler groups

Barnacles

Barnacles toddler group continues to meet every Thursday in term time in the Barn with six regular volunteers who welcome 20 families per week.

Each week the children enjoy playing, hearing a story and singing songs, including songs about God. The parents, grandparents and carers enjoy engaging with their children as well as having a hot drink and a biscuit and a chat with others in a similar situation and with the volunteers. In July, we had four children 'graduate' from Barnacles to start school or preschool and we gave them a Jesus Storybook Bible each. In the summer holidays we had three park meet-ups for the first time to keep in touch with families. We have also had a number of new babies born into the group. A number of Barnacles families attended services over Christmas, as well as the Easter Bake Along. One family continues to come to church regularly and another comes from time to time.

We asked the families to give us feedback. They said:

'it's a real community, with both the children and the adults getting to know each other'

'I love it because I trust people here. I can hand my baby to anyone and spend time with my older child'

'It feels like a safe space - a real salvation when you have small children'

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Tiny Tots

Over at The Ascension, this toddler group had another great year where we witnessed our regular children growing in confidence and engaging so well with one another and the activities. It was also lovely to see the mums/carers supporting one another and making firm friendships. During the year we welcomed new babies, some new regulars and occasional visits from grand-parents and dads. Christmas Tots was a highlight, with Christmas craft and songs, and a visit from our special 'bearded' guest with his sack of gifts!

With some of the team stepping down or moving on at the end of 2024, the difficult decision was made to pause the group in 2025, and relaunch something to connect with families alongside the revitalisation of The Ascension Westdene in 2026.

We would like to express our gratitude to the volunteers who have led this group so brilliantly, the impact has been enormous on local families and we are so thankful for their work.

The monthly Lunch Club was set up in 2010 and continues to thrive. We provide elderly people living in our Parish with a three course meal. Almost two-thirds of attendees are not church members. We are greatly encouraged by the feedback we receive including the following comments:

"To All the ladies at lunch - One big thank you"

"Wonderful food and company"

"We appreciate the skills and hard work of the team. Always excellent food"

We continue to pray for all who join us for lunch and that new doors will open to serve our local community even more.

5. Making the Church, Church Centre, Church Barn, and rooms at the Ascension available for use by local groups and individuals

At All Saints', regular hirers, children's birthday parties and groups such as Barnacles, Brownies, Rainbows and Good News for Everyone continued to hire space. Our halls were also used by families and friends following funerals, thanksgiving services, baptisms and other life events.

In 2024 a new buildings and fabric team began meeting with the purpose of ensuring our buildings serve the vision of our church. Over the year, the team looked at our various buildings and began prioritising what work needs to be done. In particular a group has looked at the leak/damp at The Ascension and a plan is now in place to fix this. In addition plans began to be made to renovate The Barn at All Saints, particularly putting a new kitchen in to bring it up to modern standards, in part for the benefit of hirers.

At The Ascension there are a number of long term hirers who enjoy the spaces on offer for their various activities. Brighton Theatre Group has been with us for several years as well as a number of U3A groups offering Pilates and table tennis. Children's parties are less popular as the Westdene Community Barn is a preferred space. We have excellent relationships with the Barn and endeavour to support one another. The revenue from hirers has provided a good source of income.

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6. Supporting agencies seeking to alleviate poverty and promote the Gospel both locally and abroad

Church Members continued to be involved in BHCM Foodbank helping to collect food and deliver parcels to those in need. There were drop-off points for donations in both churches and our congregations continued to be very generous.

Both churches continued to support a variety of outreach projects through mission agencies in the UK and overseas. Tearfund, Release International, Hope Home (an orphanage in Tanzania), Bishop Bismark in South Sudan and Samara's Aid Appeal (supporting projects in Syria)

Local Brighton agencies that we supported financially were:

- Off the Fence (working with homeless, vulnerable women and children and education)
- Brighton and Hove City Mission (providing a food bank, schools work and outreach into rest homes)
- The Gathering Place (Foodbank in Hollingbury)

Other supported UK organisations were:

- Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons)
- Bible Society
- CPAS (our patrons)

In addition to our financial giving to The Gathering Place, we provided 86 'Bags of Love', filled with Christmas food and treats, for distribution to those in need within Hollingbury.

E. Governance

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent, assistant clergy, lay readers, churchwardens), members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM). Parish Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC to give a balance of gender, skills, and experience where possible.

Official Membership of the Church is given by the Electoral Roll although all are invited to join our services and activities. The Electoral Roll figures at the end of 2024 were 147 members. The full PCC met seven times during the year in February, twice in April, twice in July, September and November. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) was held in April.

The PCC delegates day-to-day fabric issues to the Fabric & Buildings Team who are authorised to spend within agreed budgets and single item expenditure limits. The team ensured regular maintenance needs were met and advised on potential problems, including a significant issue with damp discovered at The Ascension.

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The PCC reviewed the Safeguarding Policy. This was done in November and updated to include latest guidelines from the Diocese. The PCC also complied with section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). PCC members have been circulated with the Parish Safeguarding Handbook. As is required, both church websites have a link to safeguarding on their front pages.

F. Financial Review

The full accounts and notes are set out on pages 15 to 24.

Unrestricted income for 2024 was £187,014 compared to £149,098 in the prior year. The increase in income is mostly due to an increase in regular giving and one off donations and the receipt of two legacies.

Unrestricted expenditure for 2024 was £161,962 compared to £121,304 in the prior year. This increase in unrestricted expenditure of £40,658 was mostly due to an increase in our parish contribution of £27,633 and increases in staff costs, admin costs, church ministry and running costs. In 2024 we received restricted Strategic Development Grant Funding from Chichester Diocese of £38k (£46.8k in the prior year), which covers set up and salary costs for the purpose of revitalizing the Parish of All Saints' Patcham.

We ended the year with a surplus in unrestricted funds before gains and losses on investments of £25,052 (prior year surplus of £27,794). Our total funds stood at £1,851,837 at 31 December 2024 compared to £1,820,977 at 31 December 2023.

The PCC Reserves Policy is to hold general reserves of a minimum of three months normal working expenditure together with an additional reserve, as a designated fund, primarily to meet exceptional expenditure, or unexpected building maintenance or improvement costs. Our General Fund at 31 December 2024 stood at £123,553 at £110,778 and complied with this policy.

G. Acknowledgements

Thanks are due to so many people at both churches who willingly have given of their time helping to make things happen, whether it is running and helping with all the various groups and activities, playing music, welcoming people into the churches, serving teas and coffees, keeping all pastoral contacts, helping to clean, DIY jobs, overseeing fabric repairs and maintenance and anything in between, thanks to all!

We want to say a huge thank you to the Rev'd Caz Dunk. Caz joined the staff team at All Saints' Parish in November 2019 and retired in March 2025. She led the Ascension, was key in leading the whole Parish through COVID as well as through two vacancies, including the transition to joining the Family of Churches in Brighton. It is clear that God called Caz for this important season in the Parish. Her example of following Jesus, particularly in the way she has cared, encouraged and supported the church, provided stability and consistency and built us up through her Bible teaching has been an inspiration to us.

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Thank you to Lauren Sheath as Operations Manager, Aaron Reeves as Worship Pastor, Lisa-Marie as Finance and Office Coordinator, to Jody for overseeing our finances, to Kim for leading and preaching at our services, to Bev for leading, to all volunteers and to the PCC members as Trustees for their time and commitment. And a special thanks to our wardens, Kim and Olive, for all the dedication, hard work and support given.

We also want to thank the Family of Churches for their support particularly of the staff team through weekly team meetings and by sending clergy to cover services including Rev'd Tom Holbird, Rev'd Rich Merrick, Rev'd Kate Middleton and Rev'd Tim McGowan. Thanks also to The Rev'd Canon Dr David Stone for speaking at The Ascension.

The Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Rev'd Mark Rodger, Chair of PCC



Date: 31 March 2025

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	2a	126,786	48,814	-	175,600	154,859
<i>Charitable activities</i>	2b	2,318	3,345	-	5,663	5,019
<i>Investments</i>	2c	18,698	1,169	-	19,867	17,478
<i>Other trading activities</i>	2d	39,212	-	-	39,212	39,963
<i>Other receipts</i>	2e	-	-	-	-	683
Total income		187,014	53,328	-	240,342	218,002
Expenditure on:						
<i>Cost of raising funds</i>	3a	5,531	-	-	5,531	2,351
<i>Charitable activities</i>	3b	140,464	51,502	-	191,966	164,059
<i>Other trading activities</i>	3c	15,967	177	-	16,144	19,558
Total expenditure		161,962	51,679	-	213,641	185,968
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses on investments		25,052	1,649	-	26,701	32,034
<i>Net unrealised gains on investment property</i>		-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net unrealised gains (or losses) on investments</i>	8	3,216	-	943	4,159	16,435
Net income or (net expenditure)		28,268	1,649	943	30,860	48,469
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		28,268	1,649	943	30,860	48,469
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		1,757,174	23,057	40,746	1,820,977	1,772,508
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2024		1,785,442	24,706	41,689	1,851,837	1,820,977

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, PATCHAM

BALANCE SHEET (also known as Statement of Financial Position)

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£
Tangible assets	5	982,268	980,093
Investment property	6	500,000	500,000
Endowed Investments	8	41,689	40,746
Total fixed assets		1,523,957	1,520,839
Debtors	7	3,876	2,535
Investments	8	153,048	149,832
Cash at bank and in hand		180,443	163,308
Total current assets		337,367	315,675
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(9,487)	(15,537)
Net current assets		327,880	300,138
TOTAL NET ASSETS	10	1,851,837	1,820,977
The funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds	11	41,689	40,746
Restricted funds	11	24,706	23,057
Unrestricted funds	11	1,785,442	1,757,174
Total charity funds		1,851,837	1,820,977

This Annual Financial Report, for the year ended 31st December 2024, including the notes following, was approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by



Chairman



Treasurer

Date: 31 March 2024

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, PATCHAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

a Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current (2015) Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants 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 the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment

c Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount accords with the Gift Aid declaration or other record of intention to donate.

Gift aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding, is received by the PCC.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

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d Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

e Fixed Assets

Freehold properties owned by the PCC and used to further its objectives are stated at cost.

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the accounts. For other property acquired prior to 2001 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired since 1 January 2001 valued over £2000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £2000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computer equipment	33.33% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments, including investment properties, are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

f Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

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2 Analysis of income and endowments:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
a					
Planned giving	83,417	-	-	83,417	65,391
Cash Collections at services	2,301	-	-	2,301	3,158
Other donations	9,745	8,255	-	18,000	13,131
Appeals	-	1,256	-	1,256	2,129
Income tax recoverable	19,345	1,267	-	20,612	18,065
Legacies	10,977	-	-	10,977	-
Grants	1,001	38,036	-	39,037	52,985
Donations and legacies	126,786	48,814	-	175,600	154,859
b					
Fund Raising Events	-	2,857	-	2,857	2,920
Church events, activities and courses	2,318	488	-	2,806	2,099
Charitable activities	2,318	3,345	-	5,663	5,019
c					
Dividends and interest	5,655	1,169	-	6,824	5,554
Rent	13,043	-	-	13,043	11,924
Investments	18,698	1,169	-	19,867	17,478
d					
Church hall lettings etc	19,447	-	-	19,447	19,526
Fees from weddings etc	1,557	-	-	1,557	2,465
Rent from temporarily vacant properties	18,205	-	-	18,205	17,922
Other activities	3	-	-	3	50
Other trading activities	39,212	-	-	39,212	39,963
e					
Other income	-	-	-	-	683
Other incoming resources	-	-	-	-	683
Total received on all funds	187,014	53,328	-	240,342	218,002

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3 Analysis of expenditure on:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
a					
Rental costs	5,531	-	-	5,531	2,351
Cost of raising funds	5,531	-	-	5,531	2,351
b					
Missionary and charitable giving:					
- Tithed Giving	8,600	-	-	8,600	7,900
- Other Giving		11,583	-	11,583	10,119
Diocesan parish contribution	80,000	-	-	80,000	52,367
Other clergy costs inc training	12,240	-	-	12,240	7,309
Other staff costs	6,582	36,850		43,432	39,023
Ministry costs, excl staff	4,506	187		4,693	2,241
Church services and worship	4,902	142	-	5,044	3,158
Church running expenses	20,073	1,674	-	21,747	26,707
Church maintenance	1,094	642	-	1,736	944
Major repair works	875	-	-	875	10,781
Governance costs	504	-	-	504	1,537
Depreciation	1,088	-	-	1,088	1,208
Fund Raising events		424	-	424	765
Charitable activities	140,464	51,502	-	191,966	164,059
c					
Church hall running costs	14,675	177	-	14,852	19,110
Investment property costs	1,292	-	-	1,292	448
Other trading activities	15,967	177	-	16,144	19,558
Total expended on all funds	161,962	51,679	-	213,641	185,968

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4 Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
a Remuneration		
Wages and salaries	42,242	37,903
Contribution to defined contribution pension scheme	971	950
	43,213	38,853

The average number of employees during the period was two (2023: one).

No staff member received remuneration in excess of £60,000.

Clergy are office holders and their costs are included in the amounts paid to the diocese.

b Payments to PCC members

One member of the PCC, Lisa-Marie Coomber, received remuneration directly from the charity of £3,117 in 2024 (2023 £nil). Expenses reimbursed or incurred relating to travel and subsistence costs by two (p/y one) PCC members amounted to £490 (p/y £190).

5 Fixed Assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Leasehold land and buildings	Church equipment	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
a Cost				
At 1 January 2024	621,199	358,894	45,442	1,025,535
Additions	-	-	3,263	3,263
At 31 December 2024	621,199	358,894	48,705	1,028,798
b Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	-	-	45,442	45,442
Provision for the year	-	-	1,088	1,088
At 31 December 2024	-	-	46,530	46,530
Net book amounts				
c At 31 December 2024	621,199	358,894	2,175	982,268
At 31 December 2023	621,199	358,894	-	980,093

The freehold properties comprise the Church Barn, Ascension Hall, 32 Fairview Rise, and 78A Mackie Avenue.

The leasehold property is the Church Centre which was previously included in freehold properties in error. During 2020 it was established that the land on which the Church Centre was built was acquired in 1971 on a lease expiring on 7 March 2031. Discussions are taking place between the PCC and the Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance, which are expected to result in the PCC acquiring the freehold of the land.

As it is expected that the freehold of the land will be acquired by the PCC in the near future, no depreciation has been charged.

6 Investment Property

	Freehold Investment Property £
Valuation at 1 January and 31 December 2024	500,000

The investment property, 5 Grangeways, was revalued by the PCC as at 31 December 2024 by reference to changes in the Brighton property market in Patcham. There has been no independent professional valuation.

7 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	3,787	1,280
Income tax recoverable	89	1,255
	3,876	2,535

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8 Investments	No of Shares at 31-12-24	Historical Cost £	Market value 01-Jan-24 £	Unrealised gain/(loss) £	Market value 31-Dec-24 £
CBF Investment Fund (Income) Shares	8,347	7,133	188,686	4,319	193,005
CBF Fixed Interest Security (Income) Shares	914	304	1,323	40	1,363
Santander Shares	173	Nil	569	(200)	369
			190,578	4,159	194,737

	2024 £	2023 £
Long term investments - endowments	41,689	40,746
Short term investments	153,048	149,832
	194,737	190,578

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation	2,011	2,024
Accruals for utilities and other costs	2,808	2,071
Other creditors	4,668	11,442
	9,487	15,537

10 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Tangible £	Investments £	Net Current Assets £	Total £
Restricted				
e All Saints Churchyard Fence Fund	-	-	774	774
f All Saints Fabric Fund	-	-	4,264	4,264
g All Saints Missions and Charities	-	-	-	-
h All Saints Sunday School Fund	-	-	-	-
i All Saints Growth	-	-	-	-
j All Saints Special Donations	-	-	500	500
k Ascension Building Fund	-	-	410	410
l Ascension Flower & Garden Fund	-	-	-	-
m Ascension Sunday School Fund	-	-	3,550	3,550
n Ascension Worker Fund	-	-	1,396	1,396
o Bismark	-	-	62	62
p Friends	-	-	9,250	9,250
q Strategic Development Fund	-	-	4,120	4,120
r Vicar's Discretionary Fund	-	-	380	380
	-	-	24,706	24,706
Endowment				
e All Saints Churchyard Fence Fund	-	9,295	-	9,295
h All Saints Sunday School Fund	-	1,363	-	1,363
l Ascension Flower & Garden Fund	-	4,070	-	4,070
m Ascension Sunday School Fund	-	26,961	-	26,961
	-	41,689	-	41,689
Unrestricted				
a Designated - Assets	1,482,268	10,173	-	1,492,441
b Designated - Benefice Income Fund	-	142,875	-	142,875
c Designated - PCC Allocations	-	-	26,573	26,573
d General Reserves	-	-	123,553	123,553
	1,482,268	153,048	150,126	1,785,442
Total	1,482,268	194,737	174,832	1,851,837

See notes 11 and 13 for additional information on funds

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11 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
a Designated - Assets	1,490,247	-	1,088	3,282	1,492,441
b Designated - Benefice Income Fund	139,678	-	-	3,197	142,875
c Designated - PCC Allocations	16,471	10,977	875	-	26,573
d General Fund	110,778	176,037	159,999	(3,263)	123,553
	1,757,174	187,014	161,962	3,216	1,785,442
	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers other gains and losses	Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2024
Restricted Funds					
e All Saints Churchyard and Fence Fund	1,164	252	642	-	774
f All Saints Fabric Fund	4,264	-	-	-	4,264
g All Saints Missions and Charities	-	1,483	1,483	-	-
h All Saints Sunday School	-	34	34	-	-
i All Saints Growth	153	-	153	-	-
j All Saints Special Donations	500	-	-	-	500
k Ascension Building Fund	410	488	488	-	410
l Ascension Flower & Garden Fund	-	151	151	-	-
m Ascension Sunday School	2,818	732	-	-	3,550
n Ascension Worker Fund	1,396	-	-	-	1,396
o Bismark	1,287	8,875	10,100	-	62
p Friends	6,565	3,277	592	-	9,250
q Strategic Development Fund	4,120	38,036	38,036	-	4,120
r Vicar's Discretionary Fund	380	-	-	-	380
	23,057	53,328	51,679	-	24,706
	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2024	Gains	Losses	Transfers	Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2024
Endowment Funds					
e All Saints Churchyard and Fence Fund	9,087	208	-	-	9,295
h All Saints Sunday School	1,323	40	-	-	1,363
l Ascension Flower & Garden Fund	3,978	92	-	-	4,070
m Ascension Sunday School	26,358	603	-	-	26,961
	40,746	943	-	-	41,689
Total funds	1,820,977	241,285	213,641	3,216	1,851,837

12 Associated Trusts

The PCC holds no Associated Trusts

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13 Additional Information on Funds

All shares, except Santander shares, are held by the Chichester Board Of Finance (CBF) on behalf of the PCC.

The following are cross referenced additional explanations to the notes 10 and 11.

- a) The Designated Assets Fund represents the value of fixed assets and investments held, which are not intended to be sold in the short term.
- b) The Benefice Income Fund consists of unrestricted invested shares providing unrestricted income. The PCC has designated the fund for fabric and staffing needs.
- c) The Designated PCC allocations contain designated funds put aside for specific purposes.
- d) The General Fund contains unrestricted funds under the control of the PCC that can be spent on any charitable purpose within the objects of the PCC.
- e) The All Saints Churchyard and Fence Fund started in 1962 as an endowment fund to provide income to be used for the repair and upkeep of the churchyard and fence. Unspent income is accumulated in a restricted fund.
- f) The All Saints Fabric Fund records restricted donations received for building renovation and maintenance. In addition there are funds designated by the PCC for specific building projects.
- g) The All Saints Mission Fund records donations restricted to support causes outside the church. These are passed on directly and therefore it is expected that the fund is zero at end of year.
- h) The All Saints Sunday School Fund commenced in 1984 with monies transferred from the Patcham Old Church of England School. The original investment and accumulated interest is held in a fixed interest endowment and current income is used to cover Youth Work and Sunday School expenses.
- i) The All Saints Growth Fund holds funds to be used to for outreach and youth work. This includes running Alpha sessions.
- j) The All Saints Special Donations fund currently holds donations towards a revised edition of the All Saints' Church Guide.
- k) The Ascension Building Fund holds, in a restricted fund, donations given specifically for the maintenance and improvement of the Ascension building. In addition there are designated funds arising from the agreed allocations by the PCC.
- l) The Ascension Flower and Garden Fund commenced in 1968 as an endowment which requires income to be spent on church flowers and the upkeep of the garden.
- m) The Ascension Sunday School Fund was set up in 1968 as an endowment fund which requires income to be utilised in supporting the Sunday School and youth work. Unspent funds are held in a restricted fund.
- n) The Ascension Worker (Additional Staff) Fund was started in June 1999 from a special appeal to provide funds to enable the Church to appoint a music-youth-administrator worker. It was used in 2018 to buy Youth Worker services to help with the Zoom club. Currently there is nobody holding this post and the residue is held in a restricted fund.
- o) The Bismark Mission Fund records donations restricted to supporting Bishop Bismark's ministry in South Sudan.
- p) The Friends Fund holds monies raised by the 'Friends of All Saints' until the Friends' administrative committee decides on its usage.
- q) The Strategic Development Fund (SDF) records grant funding received for salaries, set up costs and operating cost from the Chichester Diocese and the HTB network for the purpose of revitalising the parish of All Saints Patcham.
- r) The Vicar's Discretionary Fund has been set up to make funds available for emergency financial support for vulnerable people in need in the parish. The clergy will decide the use of this fund, which could be given by way of a grant or a loan.

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Patcham All Saints, Diocese of Chichester. Charity No 1132273.

I report to the members/trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 15 to 24.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner.

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directors given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

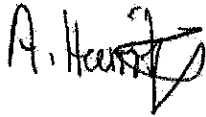
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting 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.

AUSTIN HARRITY FCA

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Harrity', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dated: 04 APRIL 2025