

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the  
Evangelist, Carrington**  
(Registered charity, number 1132333)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Carrington  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Full name** The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Carrington

**Other names by which the charity is known** St. John's Carrington; St. John The Evangelist, Carrington

**Registered charity number** 1132333

**Principal address** 6 Watcombe Circus, Nottingham, NG5 2GT

**Trustees**

Revd Tracey Byrne, Chair  
Amanda Hodgson, Vice-Chair  
Denis Tully  
Shaun Hooper  
Maria Kontogianna, from 21/04/24  
Rebecca Nightingale, from 21/04/24  
Jo Walchester, from 21/04/24  
Brenda Blades, from 21/04/24  
Susi Artis, until 16/03/25  
Mary Marafu, until 16/09/24  
Tony Hipkins, until 21/04/24  
Revd David Jones, until 21/04/24  
Philip Glanfield, until 21/04/24  
Karen Randell, until 21/04/24  
Muriel Smith, until 21/04/24  
Helen Lewis, until 21/04/24  
William Daniel, until 21/04/24

**Independent examiner**

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

**Governance and management**

The church is operated under two Approved Governing Documents:

- The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measures Act 1956 as amended;
- The Church Representation and Ministers Measures 2019.

Trustees are elected at Annual Parochial Church meeting. They are proposed, seconded, elected and must be willing to stand in the role. their appointment is subject to CofE safeguarding requirements including a confidential disclosure and Enhance DBS check.

# **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Carrington**

## **Objectives and activities**

The principal aim of the organisation is to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

## **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

Offering weekly Sunday services, occasional additional services including the major Christian festivals (Christmas and Lent/Easter), Weddings and Funerals.

Frequent Study groups on a variety of Christian topics.

A weekly community café, Open Table Forum (LBGTQ+), promoting and managing the use of Church Community Rooms for a variety of User groups.

Occasional social events – Jazz/Folk Nights and Open-air Shakespeare.

The maintenance of a listed building and its grounds, that are used on a monthly basis for the Community Market.

All the above activities seek to promote the physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of both church and community members alike in a fully inclusive way. We seek to connect with our local community through the availability of various community rooms for events, classes and meetings, as well as offering a Community Café, particularly for those who are vulnerable and may lack friendship and connection in their everyday lives. Our sacred spaces offer time and opportunity for Spiritual enquiry, encouragement and refreshment, particularly during difficult times, but also as part of Baptism, Marriage and Funerals. We seek to promote links with local schools and the residents' association (CTRA). The churchyard and garden area is used by the general public for both relaxation and exercise.

## **Public benefit statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

## **Summary of the main achievements during the period**

Religious services held every Sunday; Programmes of activities during Advent and Christmas; Monthly Open Table Meetings (LBGTQ+); Community Café held weekly; Short courses for people exploring their faith; Facilities used for a wide range of purposes including family parties, weekly groups e.g. Yoga, Tap dancing, Choirs, Public concerts, Folk evenings, and Open-air Shakespeare.

In late 2024 we were delighted to be able to launch our new website, with the support of a volunteer from the congregation.

## **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Carrington**

### **Financial review**

As anticipated at the close of 2023, this year has been extremely financially challenging for St John's. A number of unexpected and significant expenses, including some carried over from the previous financial year, prompted a review of the financial position in April 2024. Phil Glanfield kindly undertook a detailed analysis of financial information submitted to the diocese over the past 10 years and was able to identify a significant and serious downward trend in congregational giving which had been concealed, to some extent, by legacies and grants. St John's was in a precarious position and a number of options were considered to address the situation.

At its meeting on 20 March 2024, the PCC agreed, following discussions with the diocese, to pay only 10% of its agreed parish share for an initial period of 6 months; this arrangement has remained ongoing to date.

After taking advice, and consulting with a number of donors, the PCC further agreed at their meeting on 8 May 2024 to transfer around £5,000 from restricted to unrestricted funds, to treat future income from the Community Café project as unrestricted funds and to appeal to the congregation to set up or review their regular giving.

Subsequent to this, a review of premises hire fees was undertaken, and increases, with many user groups remaining subsidised, were implemented from the start of the 2025 financial year.

### **The charity's policy on reserves**

The PCC seeks to maintain reserves of 3 at the level of months' operating costs.

### **Financial risks**

As identified above, St John's continues to be in a critical and potentially unsustainable financial position and the PCC is continuing to monitor the situation carefully, in conjunction with the diocese. A review of the Transformational Change Agreement with the diocese was due to be undertaken with the diocese in autumn 2024; this will now take place in early 2025.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Revd Tracey Byrne, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the  
Evangelist, Carrington  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Carrington (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity'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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE  
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Carrington**  
**Receipts & payments account**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

2023				2024
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£		£	£	£
	<b>Receipts</b>			
39087	Donations & legacies	28546	-	28546
9849	PCC & diocesan/service fees	1514	-	1514
18954	Room hire	21870	-	21870
1285	Community Café	2335	-	2335
391	Bank interest	334	-	334
367	Community events & other income	173	-	173
<u>69933</u>	<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>54772</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54772</u>
	<b>Payments</b>			
6249	Utilities	19205	-	19205
8520	Premises costs	4263	2722	6985
-	Occasional office fees	378	-	378
1401	Community Café	1861	-	1861
21320	Staff, volunteers & organist fees	21300	-	21300
1314	Independent examination & governance	1744	-	1744
3573	Insurance	4042	-	4042
25770	Ministry: Parish share	8764	-	8764
863	Music	605	-	605
4077	Office expenses	2952	829	3781
2402	Diocesan fees/service fees	1447	-	1447
293	Publicity	386	-	386
498	Community events	215	-	215
1915	Sundry expenses	36	-	36
<u>78195</u>	<b>Total payments</b>	<u>67198</u>	<u>3551</u>	<u>70749</u>
(8262)	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	(12426)	(3551)	(15977)
47472	Cash funds at start of this period	25975	13235	39210
-	Transfers between funds	5943	(5943)	-
<u>39210</u>	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>	<u>19492</u>	<u>3741</u>	<u>23233</u>

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Carrington**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**at 31 December 2024**

2023			2024
£	<b>Cash assets</b>	Note	£
39160	Bank accounts		23183
<u>50</u>	Cash in hand		<u>50</u>
<u>39210</u>			<u><b>23233</b></u>
	<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
<u>540</u>	Debtors - Room hire		<u>675</u>
<u>540</u>			<u><b>675</b></u>
	<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		
	General equipment.		
	<b>Liabilities</b>		
<u>(5258)</u>	Creditors	3	<u>(2379)</u>
<u>(5258)</u>			<u><b>(2379)</b></u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Amanda Hodgson, Trustee

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Carrington**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**1. Receipts & payments accounts**

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

**2. Funds analysis**

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Transfers £	Closing balance £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Community Café	5224	-	-	(5224)	-
Children's work fund	1000	-	-	(1000)	-
Community rooms	5000	-	(3551)	(1449)	-
Chair appeal	2011	-	-	-	2011
Dropped kerb	-	-	-	1730	1730
	<b>13235</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3551)</b>	<b>(5943)</b>	<b>3741</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund	25975	54772	(67198)	5943	19492
	<b>25975</b>	<b>54772</b>	<b>(67198)</b>	<b>5943</b>	<b>19492</b>

The transfer from the Community rooms fund to the General fund represents the costs incurred in 2023 and allocated to the General fund instead of Community rooms. The PCC determines that this legacy has now been spent in accordance with the donor's requirements.

The transfer from the Community Café and Children's work fund to the General fund reflects the release of any restrictions on the use of these funds.

The transfer from the General fund to the Dropped kerb fund represents a grant received in 2022 which should have been shown as restricted.

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Community rooms – legacy used for social purposes only and/or the maintenance and repair of the Parish Hall Watcombe Circus Nottingham or any other building used for such purpose.

Chair appeal - funds donated for replacement of Nave chairs.

Dropped kerb - for a dropped kerb and yellow lines to be installed on Loscoe Road, Carrington outside that entrance to St. John's Churchyard.



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### 3. Creditors

	£
Independent examination fee	708
Utilities	1603
NEST pension	68
	<u>2379</u>

### 4. Trustees' remuneration

During this period, trustee S Hooper received £1,241 remuneration as Church Organist.

Trustees received no other expenses or benefits in this period.

### 5. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

### 6. Glossary of terms

**Creditors:** These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

**Debtors:** These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

**Restricted funds:** These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.