

APCM 2025

Sunday 11th May in Christ Church

RECTOR'S REPORT

As we look back over 2024 we have lots to be thankful for. I am especially grateful for the resilience shown by Zyg as he manfully guided a 9 week project to repair the church hall at Christ Church for the full nine months it actually took. And he deserves a lot of thanks for that, frankly it was a nightmare.

I am also incredibly grateful to you church community as you allowed me to take a sabbatical, having been in ordained ministry for ten years. This allowed me to do some reading around one of the big issues confronting the church of England at this time. As you know sabbaticals are a time for relaxation, refreshment, and study away from day-to-day parish ministry and it is a blessing to have been able to do that so thank you.

Sarah and I can now tell you where the best carvery Sunday lunches are between Teesside and Keithley, which ones to avoid and which ones offer the best deals.

Again as a parish we were able to offer ourselves to the wider diocese by way of hosting a candidate for ordination training as Sue Murray undertook a placement with us here in Teesside and I know many of you really appreciated her openness and enthusiasm and excitement at being with us for those six weeks. And I am happy to say that she has been recommended for training for the priesthood, and whichever parish she ends up in, they will be blessed by her ministry.

2024 was also busy again with funerals, averaging one every other week and I'm very grateful to Stewart who can pick up some of these on my behalf especially those requested on my day off.

I am also grateful to Pete Marley who oversaw the replacement of the kitchen in Christ Church hall, this is a wonderful facility for us to use as parish, but also for us to share with our community and makes the hall a viable proposition to hire. We are currently preparing leaflets to advertise this, as we purchase the last few remaining items to fully equip the kitchen. Anyone wishing to organise a pea n pie supper or harvest supper or the such like, you are very welcome to do so.

The new school year brought new faces to Big Ted on a Thursday, the coffee morning is still buzzing with a fully embedded knit and natter group, along with dominoes, bingo, and general conversation. The need for Food bank is still strong and we are grateful to the team that faithfully provide this week in week out throughout the year. Your generosity in helping to fund that is gratefully received.

The Wednesday service is has been growing, as have the Sunday morning congregations.

While reflecting back on the past three years I think it is safe to say the parish is a different place to when I arrived, the support between the churches and congregations is wonderful to see the unity of purpose and the vision that we hold

together. We have built strong foundations that will support the growth of the parish. It is our faith in Jesus and our desire to see others come to know him that empower us to offer ourselves in his service.

Vision isn't a one-off event. It is important to revisit vision every few years and adapt the vision to the new circumstances we find ourselves in, I will be speaking more about this during the APCM service on Sunday.

We continue to play a full part in the work of the Deanery hand of the Diocese. We have both of our Deanery Synod members in place which is good, I am also now elected to Diocesan Synod. And in 2024 we also welcomed our new Bishop Barry to be the new Bishop of Whitby. And I hope you will take the opportunity to meet him when he comes to the Deanery in early June. I think we have a good one.

Unfortunately I think he may well have a list of jobs that he wants me to do for him, more information about these I will share when I know exactly what I've been asked to do. Again this reflects well on us as a parish and how we are working to see the Kingdom of God grow in this place.

2024 was also a year of supporting St John's South Bank for one Sunday a month during their interregnum. This follows on the back of supporting Ormesby for over a year during their interregnum. And I want to say big thank you that you have allowed me to support our neighbours in this way, your generosity has been greatly valued by those two churches, which has supported their Sunday worship. I know this has been a cost to you all in that you lose me for one Sunday a month and that obviously has an impact on our growth. So again I would like to thank the preaching and leading teams who support me in Sunday ministry, we are incredibly blessed with our preachers and leaders who bring so much to our worship.

And again I wish to thank each and everyone of you for all that you do at Christ Church and St. George's, none of our ministries would run without your dedication, time and prayer support and I'm incredibly grateful to each and everyone of you for all that you do. And of course there is always more we could do, we do not always have cover for reading and intercessing on Sundays and Wednesday, we could always do with more people on the Big Ted teams to support the parent toddler group I'm sure there are opportunities to serve at Food bank, the men's ministry group, Tuesday coffee mornings, and table top sale. If you wish to offer your time in support of our ministries please see me or even better offer yourselves to the people who lead those ministries: I am sure they will be very grateful to have you. There is a place for each of us in the work of the Kingdom and if you don't know where yours is, we are very happy to help you find your niche, where you can bring your gifts to support the work of God's Kingdom in this place.

Every blessing to each and everyone of you and again thank you for everything you do.

Rev Graham Potter

Rector, Christ Church and St George's

FABRIC REPORTS FROM THE WARDENS

CHRIST CHURCH

In general the main structure of the church is in good repair, Clean and maintained, and was commented on in the latest [quinquennial](#) (2025) report - "The hardworking and conscientious PCC continue do well in their care for the church with the resources available,

Work undertaken,

1. Annual inspection of Heaters and fire Extinguishers have been carried out
2. Hall and kitchen improvements project are now complete
3. Church window, a section of one of the large window at the rear of the church, lead beading and solder joints failed resulting in a section of the window coming away, the missing selection has been covered with clear Perspex to prevent further damage and water and pest ingress, a decision needs to be made how we move forward, in agreement with diocese and Architect, do we repair/restore or replace with new. [quinquennial](#) (2025) report "Consideration could be given to using coloured glass, as was done with the small windows at low level. A cost effective design could be developed."
4. Over the last 12 months there have been a number of work/cleaning sessions arranged which has helped keep the general housekeeping of the main building at a reasonable level.

Items of concern

1. As per last year's Fabric report the Main Church Roof – still has seen no action since the 2019 [quinquennial](#) report, we know the 2019 report was a detailed report compiled using high level access equipment, the 2025 quinquennial was not as detailed and the Architect comment "A drone might be the best way to fully explore this and could be quite useful for examining other areas of the church roof." Shows this, however throughout the 2025 report he comments on failing and dislodged slates, bedding mortar missing, and copings needing repointed. All of these are all scored as 1 meaning Urgent or immediate action required, Again this issue needs consideration moving forward over the financial implications.
2. As per last year's Fabric report The Heating system in church is over 25 years old (installed 1997), and the units are now obsolete and service kits are no longer obtainable. 3 heaters are isolated due to not having adequate flu systems. All other heaters continue to operate and carbon monoxide monitors installed as an additional safety measure. The heating system is only going to deteriorate further with no service kits available, so will need to be replaced/renew in the near future. So planning and provision needs to be taken into consideration in the coming years.

3. Redecoration of the church ceilings is urgently needed as they are in very poor condition. ([quinquennial](#) 2025 report)

Jason Robinson,
Church warden

ST GEORGE'S

Internally the building is in good order.

Our Verger Keith Hill has made regular repairs and maintained lighting, fire alarms, heating and toilets throughout the year. The toilets in the main hall have been painted. A big thank you to him and Margaret for that.

The church front door has been replaced with a UPVC door, which helped stopped the drafts, and is much more secure.

The Archdeacons visitation took place during the summer with the wardens. Archdeacon Amanda completed an inventory of all the documentation we legally need as part of the Church of England. Carol did so much work to complete the collection of all the data, a big thank you to her. All silverware was checked and its documentation checked. We met all the requirements of the visitation, which will last for several years.

As wardens we were finding it hard to keep the garden tidy. As you may already know, we have a gardener willing to keep the grass tidy. This however comes with a cost. We have covered this with donations from the congregation, for which the wardens are very grateful.

Issues needing attention

The heating system is inadequate, and needs replacing before another winter. It has been difficult to keep us warm through the winter. We have had the relevant team from York diocese review our heating system, and we are looking into ways to complete the work needed. A big thank you to those who made blankets to help ease the problem during the cold winter

We are trying to solve the problems with leaks in the prayer room. We are looking into resealing the large windows, and further work to discover the problem. This is likely to be very expensive.

Mike Cawley,
Church Warden

SAFEGUARDING

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' Guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Attached as Appendix 1.

SYNOD REPORT

Over the past year, Deanery Synod met three times and continues the work of becoming a local network of churches, inspiring, influencing and leading mission and ministry.

Tell your story

Synod continues to have a parish tell their story to each Deanery Synod meeting.

Finance

Free Will Offer —the payments to the Common Fund from parishes— Synod was informed at the February meeting that the Deanery has paid 74% of the Freewill Offer. All offers for 2025 had been received: 3 stayed the same, 2 decreased, 11 increased. The Deanery has offered £294,680, £10,893 more than 2024, but a lot less than 2020.

Cornerstone is a new national initiative, a free online learning tool for churches. Grangetown is taking part in the pilot and it is hoped this will be rolled out nationally next year. Ten parishes are using methods of digital giving.

The Diocesan Synod in July reported that their deficit is slightly better than expected. The Freewill offer is less than pre-Covid, but a higher number of vacancies mean that clergy costs are lower.

the scriptures tell us about how we can better care for the amazing world God has given us.

Stewart Shaller & Craig Flebu–Swainson

ELECTORAL ROLLS

Christ Church

The New Roll stands at 46.

There were 36 on the Roll last year. 3 have left, 1 went to glory. 14 new names were added.

St George's

After the renewal St George's Electoral Roll stands at 87.

Numbers are down from last year. 1 dear brother went to be with his Lord and 9 of the people contacted regarding the renewal did not respond. Two people transferred to Christ Church Roll and 5 new names were added to St George's. Leaving the roll 5 less than at the last revision in 2024.

CHURCH GROUPS' REPORTS

Big Ted

As we look back over the last year –

- We continue to be grateful to Beacon House Group who help to set up the chairs and toys for Big Ted, and to Mike, Sue and Dave who regularly help at the end of each session to move all the chairs back and Hoover. We are so grateful for their time and energy.

- Our Facebook page continues to be a useful tool to communicate session dates, church events and upload photos of craft activities. A big thank you to Andi who does all this for us.
- We are pleased to have a new Big Ted page on the church website, to increase our online profile. Many thanks to Carol for setting this up.

As we look forward, we hope to –

- Continue to provide a safe sanctuary and welcoming play environment.
- Sow seeds of faith through simple children's worship songs, a short bible story, and a short, Christian message aimed at the adults.
- Encourage some of our Big Ted families to attend some outreach events and All Age Worship services
- See more people from our fellowship volunteering for any of the following helpful jobs – welcoming parents and chatting to them during the sessions and serving refreshments. We have lost one team member and now operate on the absolute minimum team numbers.

Marian Lester

Christ Church Tabletop Sales

We have now had a full year of tabletop sales within the Church itself rather than the hall and, despite our initial concerns regarding coping whilst the remedial building works and kitchen refurbishment were underway, those concerns have been completely forgotten, such has been the success of the change of venue. Our numbers have increased each month, guests have stayed until closing in most cases and everyone has had a thoroughly enjoyable morning each month - both guests and Church members. Tabletop sales will now remain in the Church and mentioning this to guests has met with great approval. It is hard to quantify the blessings the sales bring to us each month.

Our wonderful supporters have continued to supply us with good quality goods for resale, not to mention tombola prizes, and we look forward to another year of providing this invaluable outreach to the local community, many of whom have become dear friends.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way - we really could not do it without you all. A real team effort.

Julia Fotheringham

Coffee Mornings - Christ Church

Our Tuesday coffee mornings continue to be as popular as ever, and such a joyful part of our Church life. We welcome new guests on a regular basis, who soon become part of our lovely crowd each week, such is the friendliness of everyone. In addition to coffee and conversation, we also have dominoes and chess and of course - and most important of all - prayer and/or support for anyone in need, whatever their reason. We are always able to accommodate any request and being part of this important outreach is a wonderful blessing.

In the coming year we pray for a further increase in our numbers, particularly those from the local community who might benefit from a warm welcome and companionship in an accepting and safe environment.

Julia Fotheringham

Coffee Mornings – St George's

The Friday Coffee Mornings at St George's have continued to attract regulars from both members of our Church family and those who don't come to services but consider themselves part of our church. It's a lovely hive of activity, with people enjoying a game of pool, playing cards or dominoes, doing some crafts or just enjoying the company. It's a lovely welcoming space and it also creates a warm, friendly atmosphere for those who come to Foodbank to collect food parcels.

We are grateful to the kitchen staff who do a wonderful (usually non-stop!) job of serving bacon and sausage buns and cheese toasties to Foodbank clients and volunteers as well as those who are there for the social side.

If you'd like to join us, you'll be very welcome!

Carol McIntosh

Foodbank

We have had a busy year: in 2024, the Foodbank here at St George's has helped 778 families, totalling a staggering 1711 people, many of whom were children. On average we now fulfil 16 vouchers per week, feeding 30 people. Staff have worked really hard but it is a privilege, and we look forward to continuing to serve in the coming year.

Alan Brunskill

House

HOUSE is a mixed group of mainly 25-45 year old's. People from both churches attend. We meet each Tuesday at St Georges to fellowship together.

What do we do?

Last year we did the Spirit Filled Church course, as most home groups did. We hope to get out more for social events this coming year. Costa coffee nights are a good way of relationship building, and of course meals or drinks out together. We care for and support each other as we meet, and cover each other with prayer and keep in touch via our Facebook page. Due to a good part of the group being shift workers, we are trying to arrange our Tuesday nights together. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact me, you'll be most welcome.

Mike Cawley

Ladies' Fellowship

We meet each week in a member's home where we receive bible based teachings and enjoy occasional faith meals together. We enjoy outings where members are given lifts to venues when needed, garden parties, and fellowship. A

time of prayer is included where members of the congregation are prayed for in addition to our own members. Additionally, people can be prayed for via our Prayer Chain.

We look forward in prayer to our Unity Service to which all the churches in the area have been invited and pray that we may all be blessed. We pray that we will continue to have the health, strength and transport to continue in fellowship, study and other activities that we enjoy and engage in.

Pat Wetherell

Knit and Natter

I could never have imagined how the Knit and Natter group would take off; it is growing weekly. We run the group in the Narthex alongside the Tuesday Coffee morning. It is a warm friendly environment, with a lovely atmosphere, we have all learnt new skills from each other and natter about all aspects of life; we enjoy refreshments together and put the world to rights - or try to! People are happy to come on their own and new friendships have been made.

Elaine Marley

Men's Night

We have met 10 times this year. Numbers are steady 12-14, some progress with some of them. We continue to encourage and to witness and see where the Lord leads us.

Alan Brunskill

Music Group

As we look back over the last year –

- We've been able to provide live Sunday worship music in both churches.
- We continue to occasionally swap musicians around so everyone gets the opportunity to lead worship at both Christ Church and St. George's.
- We are delighted to welcome Chris as a new singer to the group.

As we look forwards, we hope to

- Continue with the challenge of learning a new worship song every month! The congregation has risen to the challenge and we've all been blessed by the power of the words and music.
- Ensure we provide the best we can by practising every week.
- Grow the group by being committed to praying for new members and by providing opportunities for people to join us and develop their musical gifts.

Marian Lester

Powerpoint Club

Powerpoint Club is still going strong. We had a new starter a couple of weeks ago he has settled in well.

We continue with our stories and Prayers sowing the seeds. We pray one day Father God will bring them to church.

We as leaders may never see it but we trust in the Lord.

We have had some lovely Wednesday nights out for a couple of walks. We went to see the Angel in the Cemetery they were intrigued with it of course we had to have a photo shoot. One of the walks led to a visit at the shop for treats that went down well.

We look forward to the summer with new adventures in store.

Please continue to pray for us all.

Margaret Hill

Prayer Space

As a result of my Stepping Up course I have created a prayer space at the rear of Christ Church, it's a peaceful space where people can sit quietly and comfortably to spend time with God. There is a candelabra where candles can be lit either in memory of someone or just because they choose to. There is a display of prayer cards that cover all aspects of life, that can be taken and given out to family and friends depending on their needs. It is open for all to use. Please come and make use of it.

Elaine Marley

Sewing Group

We are a small group that would love to welcome more like-minded crafting people (man or woman, we don't mind – but no power tools, please!). We meet on Tuesday afternoons and chat, drink tea, coffee or other and do our own crafts, help each other if we can, and generally have a relaxing crafting time.

We celebrate with cake, and go for afternoon teas, Christmas lunch or just generally having fun.

We charge £2 per session which we use to pay for the cost of gas and electricity costs, so we don't make any profit.

Come along – you just might like us!

Jo Thompson

Small Study Groups

- **Anchor**

It's so good to meet together in our little house group and share the joys and sorrows of life, and what God has done for each one of us.

We meet on Tuesday 1:00 to 1:30 in the Pringle Room to learn more about the love of God and how He wants us to participate in His Kingdom.

We enjoy tea and a chat, and Peter playing Guitar. Worship brings us much closer to God and we share and pray into any situations of need that concern us.

We've had some very good studies: we have just finished "God in all his fullness." As Paul prays in his letter to the Ephesians that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. We always want to know God a little better each day and this teaching was very helpful.

We are always happy to welcome people who have never been in a house group before to be part of our family.

Ann Robinson

- **Beacon**

In the summer term, Beacon split into two new study groups to create room for new members. The 'new' Beacon group continues to meet on Monday evenings in the Pringle Room and we really enjoy our time together. Over the last year we have completed studies on the Disciples, the Parables of Jesus and now we are looking at the 'I am' sayings of Jesus. It's a great way to learn more about the Bible but it's also fun to worship and pray together and generally support and encourage one another.

All in all it's been another great year of fun, friendship and growing in our faith and now we're looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us in the coming year.

Carol McIntosh

- **Cornerstone/Rainbow**

This year, due to various reasons our meetings have been fewer, both in times we have met together, and in numbers meeting. However our time together continues to be a special time of the week where we continue to enjoy our Bible study & prayer, and giving care and support to each other. Our main study time being centred around Philippians, a study provided by Stephen Street. This has been peppered with studies Advent and Lent Studies

Another visit to the pantomime was enjoyed by those who were able to go.

Fred Clarkson

- **House**

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Mike Cawley

- **Lighthouse**

We have continued to meet at the home of Pat and Ivan Wetherell who have been wonderful hosts. On the occasional times when they have been unable to host us, Melva and Merle have stepped into the breach and kept up the high standard that we have become used to.

Our regular time together follows a familiar pattern of fellowship, praise, study and prayer. Sometimes we take a break from the usual to enjoy a time of just being social with each other. Food is important to us when we socialize and this has taken the form of either a faith meal, a Christmas meal or a pancake party. There has also been an occasional quiz thrown in.

We have enjoyed two study series through our last twelve months. These have been focused around the Cross Shaped Jesus studies and a set of studies on The Sermon on the Mount/Beatitudes. We are currently about half-way through The Sermon on the Mount studies. At our current rate of progress we expect to finish these somewhere between now and Christmas (we don't see the point in rushing a good thing).

Stephen Street

- **Open Door**

We have had a lovely year getting to know each other and sharing bible study together.

Relationships in the group are becoming closer as we learn to trust each other with confidential matters.

We are all grateful for Zyg who leads us in beautiful worship. We have ten members at the moment; hopefully more people will join us this year.

We all want a closer relationship with the Lord and each other.

Margaret Hill

Sunday School

Sunday school continues to struggle with only a few children – and some Sundays none at all. We continue to pray for an increase in families in the church.

But, when we have the children, it's a fun morning for them and a joy to teach them.

Joy Brunskill

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Julia Fotheringham

Charity number: 1132441

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eston with Normanby
Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eston with Normanby

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Eston with Normanby Team Ministry

Legal and administrative information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eston with Normanby comprise of St George's Church Normanby and Christ Church Eston and is part of the Deanery of Middlesbrough. The correspondence address is : Parish Office, Spencer Road, Normanby, Middlesbrough TS6 9BH.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

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

Charity number 1132441

PCC Members

Rev G Potter	Chairperson
M Cawley	Church Warden
J Brunskill	
A Brunskill	
D Lester	Secretary (Re-appointed 17 April 2024)
M Hill	Church Warden
M Hunt	
E Marley	Church Warden (Appointed 17 April 2024)
S Shaller	Deanery Synod Representative (Appointed 17 April 2024)
J Robinson	Church Warden
D Robinson	(Term ended 17 April 2024)
S Potter	Treasurer
A Rea	(Re-appointed 17 April 2024)
J Fotheringham	(Re-appointed 17 April 2024)
C McIntosh	
M Mason	
J Kilvington	
Z Kowalczyk	(Re-appointed 17 April 2024)
S Colbert	
D Sunley	(Re-appointed 17 April 2024)
C Flebu-Swainson	Deanery Synod Representative (Appointed 17 April 2024)
S Emberson	(Appointed 17 April 2024)

Accountants

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Eston with Normanby Team Ministry

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The list of Council Members who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Additional members can also be co-opted during the year and then elected at the next APCM. All regular worshippers are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Objectives and activities

The PCC recognises its responsibility to promote the mission of the Church, pastorally, socially and in reaching out to the local community.

Achievements and performance

We are very grateful for the on-going generosity and support of the churches.

Early in 2024 the PCC resolved to tithe 10% of the previous year's (2023) parish income to financially support other charities and organisations. A total of £15,586 was donated to Festival Teesside, Jesus Shaped People, The Christian Institute, Brambles Farm Church Plant, The Takk Trust, Cedarwood Festival, Oddments Theatre Company and ReSource (Anglican Renewal Ministries). Separate to this, the churches donated £1,680 to the Redcar Foodbank Warehouse.

Helen Clarkson has completed an audit of regular givers to confirm our records are complete and that we are continuing to claim appropriately for gift aid tax. Helen has now stepped down from her role as gift aid secretary, we thank Helen for all her work in this area. Sarah Potter (Treasurer) will take up this responsibility going forward.

Thanks to the ongoing hard work of Keith Hill in finding the best value energy contracts, expenditure on utilities for the churches was significantly lower in 2024 than in 2023 - £20,303 in 2024 compared to £32,278 in 2023. We thank Keith for his diligence and look forward to even lower bills in 2025.

As is reported elsewhere, significant refurbishment work has been completed on the hall and kitchen at Christ Church. The refurbishment of the Hall was paid for using the generous legacies restricted to Christ Church, namely The Skelton Bequest Fund and the G and E Guy Memorial Fund. The Christ Church Reserve Fund and the 2023 Gift Day funds were also used. The shortfall was made up using part of the E M Legacy Fund. The refurbishment of the kitchen was paid for by the Christ Church fundraising activities including the weekly coffee mornings and the monthly table top sales. We thank everyone involved in raising these funds.

Looking forward to 2025 the PCC has prioritised the repair of the heating system in St George's and the repair of the large windows at St George's to prevent water ingress. Further repair work may be highlighted by the quinquennial inspection of Christ Church due March 2025 and will need to be factored in to spending over the next few years.

Eston with Normanby Team Ministry

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

Financial review

Our total income for the year was £118,436, down from £153,890 in 2023. We are very grateful to the everyone who has generously supported the parish in 2024.

The corresponding expenditure was £224,951 up from £112,495 in 2023. This is due to the refurbishment of the hall at Christ Church and a full refurbishment of the kitchen at Christ Church. Our total Free Will Offering, including fees, was down slightly in 2024 to £24,920 from £26,453 in 2023.

Reserve Policy

It is the PCC policy to try and maintain a balance on Unrestricted reserves equating to at least 3 months' expenditure.

Approved by the PCC on 13 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by .



**Chairperson
Rev G Potter**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eston with Normanby

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Eston with Normanby Team Ministry.

I report on the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eston with Normanby for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 2 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of 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, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and to 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 Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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C S Gorman
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13 April 2025

Eston with Normanby Team Ministry

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income	3	88,869	18,557	107,426	141,365
Activities for generating funds	4	3,281	-	3,281	6,952
Investment income	5	6,880	849	7,729	5,573
Total incoming resources		<u>99,030</u>	<u>19,406</u>	<u>118,436</u>	<u>153,890</u>
Resources expended					
Staff costs	6	14,345	-	14,345	20,104
Diocesan Parish share		24,920	-	24,920	26,453
Church running expenses		34,919	4,623	39,542	52,117
Church insurance		6,025	-	6,025	5,526
Building maintenance		77,519	45,017	122,536	5,520
Youth Ministry & Mission		1,666	-	1,666	1,882
Charitable giving		15,586	-	15,586	478
Depreciation		331	-	331	415
Total resources expended		<u>175,311</u>	<u>49,640</u>	<u>224,951</u>	<u>112,495</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers					
		(76,281)	(30,234)	(106,515)	41,395
Transfers between funds		(233)	233	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		<u>(76,514)</u>	<u>(30,001)</u>	<u>(106,515)</u>	<u>41,395</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>177,395</u>	<u>62,959</u>	<u>240,354</u>	<u>198,959</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>100,881</u>	<u>32,958</u>	<u>133,839</u>	<u>240,354</u>


The notes on pages 7 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eston with Normanby

**Balance sheet
as at 31 December 2024**

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		1,325		1,656
Current assets					
Debtors	9	-		227	
Cash at bank and in hand		135,226		239,803	
		135,226		240,030	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,712)		(1,332)	
Net current assets			132,514		238,698
Net assets			133,839		240,354
Funds	11				
Restricted income funds			32,958		62,959
Unrestricted income funds			100,881		177,395
Total funds			133,839		240,354

The financial statements have been approved by the trustees on 13 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by


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Chairperson

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Treasurer

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Statement of Compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland' the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS102 (Charity SORP (FRS102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

2. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

2.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. 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 that are informal gatherings of church members.

2.2. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts and endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in terms of the trust of bequest and (b) donations and 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 must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

2.3. Endowment funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the Endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon purposes for which the endowment was established.

2.4. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. Tax recoverable on planned giving is accrued up to the end of the fiscal year ending within the accounting year. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

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2.5. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan Parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

2.6. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 20% reducing balance

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with S10 of the Charities Act 2011. Movable fixtures, fittings and equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on the reducing balance basis. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

2.7. Defined contribution pension schemes

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charity during the year.

2.8. Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102. Disclosure in respect of the financial instruments have not been presented.

3. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Regular planned giving	58,106	-	58,106	84,305
Collections	11,140	-	11,140	9,781
Income tax recovered	6,417	-	6,417	19,217
Donations	6,499	7,250	13,749	9,306
Miscellaneous income	6,707	9,333	16,040	12,279
Grants receivable	-	1,974	1,974	6,476
	<u>88,869</u>	<u>18,557</u>	<u>107,426</u>	<u>141,364</u>

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4. Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Church fees	3,281	3,281	6,952
	<u>3,281</u>	<u>3,281</u>	<u>6,952</u>

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Receipts from letting	2,950	-	2,950	2,740
Bank interest receivable	3,930	849	4,779	2,833
	<u>6,880</u>	<u>849</u>	<u>7,729</u>	<u>5,573</u>

6. Employees

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	14,345	19,478
Pension costs	-	626
	<u>14,345</u>	<u>20,104</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023 : None).

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

2024 Number	2023 Number
<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>

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7. Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The scheme and its assets are held by independent managers. The pension charge represents contributions due from the company and was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Pension charge	-	626

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2024 and At 31 December 2024	97,151	97,151
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2024	95,495	95,495
Charge for the year	331	331
At 31 December 2024	95,826	95,826
Net book values		
At 31 December 2024	1,325	1,325
At 31 December 2023	1,656	1,656

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with S10 of the Charities Act 2011. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

9. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	-	227

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,712	1,332

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11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 as represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	1,325	-	1,325
Current assets	102,268	32,958	135,226
Current liabilities	(2,712)	-	(2,712)
	<u>100,881</u>	<u>32,958</u>	<u>133,839</u>

12. Unrestricted funds

	At 01 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted Fund	<u>177,395</u>	<u>99,030</u>	<u>(175,311)</u>	<u>(233)</u>	<u>100,881</u>

Purposes of unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

13. Restricted funds

	At 01 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
Stepping Up Grants					
- Bereavement Support	2,326	-	(226)	-	2,100
Parish Youth Worker Designated	18,639	1,536	-	-	20,175
Guy Memorial Fund Designated	2,684	142	(2,826)	-	-
Big Ted	1,277	819	(688)	-	1,408
Powerpoint Club	41	218	(128)	-	131
Christ Church & Hall Fund	19,386	10,523	(28,344)	-	1,565
CCLA Bequest Fund	13,313	707	(14,020)	-	-
Soul'd Out	1,600	-	(1,600)	-	-
Pastoral Care	1,572	-	(213)	-	1,359
Mens Mission	2,121	-	(419)	-	1,702
Community Minister	-	1,974	(456)	-	1,518
Gardening	-	487	(720)	233	-
St George's Heating	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
	<u>62,959</u>	<u>19,406</u>	<u>(49,640)</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>32,958</u>