

The Parish Church of  
ST MARK  
Biggin Hill, Kent

Annual Report  
and  
Financial Statements  
of the  
Parochial Church Council

For the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

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## Administrative information

St Mark's Church is situated in Church Road, Biggin Hill, Kent. It is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is:

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity - Reg. No. 1132503.

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent	The Revd. Alison Newman	
Reader	Mark Newman (ex officio)	
Wardens	Rohan Perera	Elected until May 2025
	Patrick O'Sullivan	Elected until May 2025
PCC Treasurer	Don Reeks	
PCC Secretary	Sue Walker	Co opted
Deanery Synod Reps.	Mark Newman	Elected until May 2026
	Neale Patrick	Elected until May 2026
PCC Elected Members	Lynn Hussey	Elected 2022-2025
	Peter Langridge	Elected 2022-2025
	Anne Nash	Elected 2022-2025
	Don Reeks	Elected 2022-2025
	Caroline Budimir	Elected 2023-2026
	Joanna Hussey	Elected 2023-2026
	Bahram Ghaemmaghami	Elected 2023-2026
	Peter Walker	Elected 2023-2026
	Stephanie Peacock	Elected 2024-2027
	Christine Reeks	Elected 2024-2027
	Andrew Scott	Elected 2024-2027
	One vacancy	

### Bankers:

National Westminster Bank

### Independent Examiner:

Mr Peter Cureton-Jones FCCA

## Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC:

### Standing Committee

This is the only Committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. The Finance Committee was subsumed into this Committee during 2022 and so the Standing Committee now oversees the general financial dimension of the work of St Mark's by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and co-ordinating the annual review of the Christian Stewardship of money through planned giving.

### Fabric and Hall Management Committee

Attends to matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as the Church buildings and fabric, the churchyard and bell tower. Deals with matters relating to the administration and management of the hall and makes recommendations for major expenditure or changes to the current procedures, where necessary.

### Outreach and Mission Committee

This committee deals with all aspects of mission and outreach relating to the church.

## Objectives and Activities

St Mark's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church Centre complex of St Mark's, Church Road, Biggin Hill. The main activities of the PCC are provision of church services, baptisms, weddings, funerals, youth and children's work, outreach, and teaching adults through weekly home groups.

### Church attendance

Electoral Roll: 127 parishioners on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023    123 parishioners on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

Number of Events	2024	2023
Baptisms	10	9
Weddings	0	1
Renewal of vows	1	1
Funerals in St Mark's	8	12
Funerals elsewhere	19	16
Memorial service	3	2
Burial of Ashes	10	10

Attendance at Selected Event	2024	2023
All Souls Service	82	84
Advent Carol Service	40	34
Main Carol Service	111	107
Christingle Services	293	369
Midnight Communion	58	65
Christmas Day	89	74

## Financial Review

The year commenced with the completion of the lighting installation project, at a total cost of approximately £86,000. The sources of funding were as follows:

- Six members of the congregation donated single amounts of £1,000 or more: £20,000.
- Donations from other members of the congregation: £11,684.
- Legacies: £15,487
- Grants: £14,504
- Outside organisations: £7,750
- URC church in Bromley: £7,000
- Gift Aid: £6,451
- Fundraising events: £2,979

The General Fund saw a strong year, with total income rising to £124,050, up from £109,193 the previous year. This growth was partly due to:

- An increase in regular giving (approx. £5,000),
- A rise in hall lettings (£3,714).
- Additional income from fundraising events (£3,316).

However, expenditure rose by approximately £9,000, from £106,004 in 2023 to £115,175 in 2024. A major contributing factor was the substantial increase in the Parish Share, which went from £53,750 to £69,621, a rise of £15,871. As a result, the PCC regrettably felt unable to make its usual charitable donations, typically around £6,500 annually.

At the end of 2024, the General Fund balance stood at £14,519, a notable improvement from £6,323 at the start of the year. This positions us more securely for the year ahead.

At end of 2024: The Church Repair Fund held £41,050  
The Hall Repair Fund stood at £26,009

These funds are well placed to address any works that may be identified in the forthcoming Church Quinquennial and Hall Quinquennial Reports (due in 2025).

The PCC maintains a policy of holding reserves equal to at least 25% of annual expenditure. At present, we hold approximately £30,000 in reserve in an account with the Rochester Diocese.

The agreement with Bromley Council to provide a facility for a Day Care Centre in the church hall involves a quarterly maintenance payment to St Mark's. Part of the payment is a contribution towards the cost of decoration and repairs, when required. It is PCC policy to maintain a balance of approximately £15,000 in the Church Hall Fund to help meet such costs as and when they arise.

I should like to acknowledge and thank Chris Reeks for processing the receipts etc in the Parish Office and to Peter Walker for his assistance with the HMRC Gift Aid claims. Lastly to Peter Cureton-Jones for carrying out the annual inspection of the accounts.

In summary, I believe we are in a stable and healthy financial position, providing that moving forward we remain vigilant in monitoring both income and expenditure.

**Don Reeks - PCC Treasurer**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST MARK'S PCC, BIGGIN HILL**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 - 4.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees 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);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (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 report**

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 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 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:

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

Mr Peter Cureton-Jones FCCA



Dated: 8th April 2025

## **Fabric Report**

February 2024 saw the culmination of a long process to replace the church lighting both inside and out. The Fabric Committee took responsibility for enabling this project. We now have a safe, updated and flexible lighting system which means that we can have a more effective and creative approach, not only during services and church activities but also enabling a diversity of opportunities for community use. The project was made possible by church fundraising, grants, legacies and personal donations, all contributed specifically to replace the lighting.

The church car park has needed work to repair and replace the yellow parking guidelines. This had been hampered by cold, wet weather but was finally completed in April.

Repairs to the roof and stonework in the hall entrance and office area were completed in June.

The office computer was replaced in December.

Sadly 2024 was another year without the use of our Tower or Bells- the Telecoms companies continue to procrastinate. We have now officially closed the tower to all, including engineers and surveyors, due to continuing water ingress and safety concerns about the access ladders internally as well as failure of the leaseholders to comply with the Lease Agreement. We are pursuing the companies to issue an acceptable specification for permanent repairs to the structure and fabric of the building. A plan of action has been proposed by us and we await the response from the site agents.

On a weekly basis the working party which includes members from the Fabric Committee has continued to provide regular maintenance of the church and church hall plus the grounds. This includes tasks such as weeding the paths, clearing the gutters, replacing lights and bulbs, checking the sound system and many more jobs which keep our church property safe and viable. We thank them for their continued hard work.

Caroline Budimir (Chair), Alison Newman (Vicar), Pat O'Sullivan (churchwarden), Don Reeks, Chris Reeks, Andrew Scott.

## **Supplementary Reports**

### **Baby and Toddler Group**

Thanks go to Pauline, Sue, Jan and Sevi . Thanks also go to David who helps to set up at the beginning of the session and to pack away at the end. At the end of July Sevi moved away so is no longer able to help at Toddlers. As from September Jan has taken her place. The children and adults enjoyed the craft activities at which we made decorations for our tree at the Christmas tree festival. The theme this year was a tree of Christmas trees. We had a successful Christmas party. Our thanks go to Mark for his story telling and our Father Christmas Martin. (Lollipop man at Biggin Hill school) Julie continues to lead the singing at the end of the sessions with "what's in the box?" The children enjoy these sessions of singing and joining in with actions etc. Thanks go to her too. Numbers continue to vary on a seasonal basis. However we continue to get a steady stream of new parents/carers attending.

Chris Dilling

### **Children's work**

During 2024 despite the best efforts of the dedicated volunteer team, Forest Church did not attract the numbers of children and young families as initially hoped. In October I decided to take a step back and reach out to the CYP Mission and Ministry adviser from the diocese as well as other churches who have been successful in encouraging and sustaining families and young children within their churches. The key message from all the individuals I contacted was 'do not stop or give up hope, you are going in the right direction'. We at St Mark's undertake a number of activities, Baby and Toddler group, Messy Church etc., which are thriving and draw families in from the community. It is from these activities we must learn and build. I have been given a lot of information and contacts which I will use to develop ideas relevant to St Marks. Please pray for success in my endeavours and for the sustained growth of the church going forward.

Roslyn Jordan-Wishart

### **Deanery Synod**

Within the Diocese of Rochester there are 3 archdeaconries. Biggin Hill is placed within the Bromley & Bexley Archdeaconry. Within this Archdeaconry there are 5 deaneries; ours is Orpington, and St Mark's is one of 17 churches. The Deanery Synod meets in various different churches during each year.

In January there was a meeting about safeguarding. We discussed the meaning of safeguarding and the importance of having training to make us aware of risks and how to report incidents we meet in church. A hearty vote of thanks was given to all the parish safeguarding leads.

In June we discussed bringing the gospel to young people. We looked at organisations and resources to help the process. Nationally the aim is to double the number of young people by 2030.

In November the discussion was on generous giving; the parish giving scheme, campaigns, card readers and legacies.

If you want to find out more about these issues or have any other questions about the Synod then please do not hesitate to ask Mark Newman or myself for further details.

Neale Patrick



## EcoChurch

The EcoChurch Award is a non-denominational scheme that demonstrates how an individual church cares for God's earth in different areas of their life and work. A church completes a survey; its answers may gain it a bronze, silver or gold award. The survey covers:

- Worship and teaching
- Management of buildings
- Management of church land
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle of church members

In February 2024, the PCC decided to go for an award under this scheme. A team comprising Alison and Mark Newman, Andrew Scott, Peter Langridge and Peter Walker was set up. The team completed the survey and it was clear that St Mark's could achieve bronze if it raised the awareness of church members concerning:

- How to undertake a personal carbon audit
- How to review their energy consumption
- Waste minimisation strategy, sometimes referred to as the 3Rs, namely Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

A presentation on these topics was produced and delivered during autumn 2024 to each of the four home groups. A sustainability page was added to the church website. The page explains the Ecochurch award and how to conduct a personal carbon audit.

During 2024 the scheme was totally revised; the survey now takes a more strategic assessment of a church's environmental policies. St Mark's had until the end of 2024 to complete the current version of the survey and submit it for a bronze. This was done and St Mark's achieved the bronze award in September

Peter Walker

## **First Biggin Hill Guides**

We started the year learning British Sign Language with one of the brownie leaders.

We also looked at the phonetic alphabet, Braille and emoji's as different ways of communicating. We decorated biscuits in Braille and everyone had to guess what the word was that they had written.

We made fat cakes for the bird watch weekend and pancakes for Shrove Tuesday including challenges to gain a pancake badge.

For Thinking Day 22/2 we had a quiz, made chatterboxes with the laws on and thought about guides all over the world.

As it was a leap year we took part in a bounce challenge badge, done throughout the county. We held a red day for St Georges' day wearing and eating anything red.

Linda came and helped us make Bunnies and Chicks with fondant icing and held an egg hunt.

Through the summer term we went to Waylands and took part in outdoor activities including a scavenger hunt, backwoods cooking, (no utensils, food on a stick, in a can and in the embers of the fire) a water evening, a wide camp and finished with a BBQ and camp fire.

We helped at the BBQ for the festival in July raising funds for district Guiding which helps with rents.

We took part in various county events, visiting Leeds Castle for an activity day a splash day taking part in kayaking and bell boats at Danson Park and the cinema for a special guiding screening of Moana 2.

In the autumn we did an animal quiz in church, we held a McMillan evening raising over £300. We did a Cluedo challenge badge designing their own board game and characters and playing the original game in patrols.

We joined everyone for Remembrance marching to the memorial.

We made Christmas cakes mixing one week in their patrols, cooked that night at home and a couple of weeks later decorating them.

We took part in a district Carol Service in Church, thanks to Alison.

We enrolled 4 girls early in the year and another 9 in May. Growing the unit to 24.

We finished the year with a party.

Rosemary Spurway  
Guider

## **Homegroups**

There are four groups which meet fortnightly, two daytime and two evening. Leaders are as follows: Chris Walker; Sue and Peter Walker; Gordon Harris; Mark Newman. Each homegroup is responsible for choosing its own study material. This year a major focus for the groups has been the book of Romans, produced by the Bible Society. It sounds daunting, but the video material has brought to life a difficult book in a remarkably straightforward manner.

Across the groups the following topics have been studied: the parables of Jesus; the book of Daniel; Liberation Theology; New Apostolic Reformation and Bethel Church; Prayers of the Saints; an exploration of Lent through 46 objects; Sacrifice; the word Christian; Sadducees and Pharisees ; EcoChurch.

The core strength of these groups is that we not only learn together, but grow in our love and knowledge of the Lord. In our groups we can develop our spiritual lives in perhaps a deeper way than is possible at a main service.

Mark Newman

## **Moving Church News**

Over 3000 copies of the Moving Church News are delivered to a large proportion of roads in Biggin Hill bi-monthly. The magazine is professionally printed in full colour. Over 60 people are involved in the distribution, including several who are not members of St. Mark's. Once again, thanks must go to them for their devotion to this task. It is an important way of helping to spread the ministry and events of our church and link St. Mark's to the local community. The majority of distributors manage to deliver within a week of publication, which helps to keep the magazine relevant in terms of dates of events. We deliver to about 80 of the roads in Biggin Hill including nearly every road in the upper part.

There is always a balance between advertising and editorial space, but the advertising is essential to help with the cost of producing the magazine which is distributed free of charge. Our thanks go to the advertisers for their support. Some have been advertising with us for many years.

The MCN aims to be a community magazine, and there is usually a spread of articles to achieve this. However, there is always room for individuals or groups both within St. Mark's and the wider community to submit articles for publication. We have regular articles from the Residents' Association, the Biggin Hill Friends of the Parks, the Horticultural Society and the local Councillors, but other organisations are welcome to contribute.

Neil Walker

Editor, Moving Church News

## **Outreach and Mission Committee**

There were three main focal points this year: Good Friday, Prayer Visiting and the Carnival.

On Good Friday, as many times before, we interacted with total strangers at the traffic lights, for a brief moment. A gift of food and a short Easter message on a napkin, with over 100 buns distributed. This is a form of outreach that is simple to organise. We had two new helpers.

We went out Prayer Visiting on 4 evenings. There were 6 visitors overall with two helping for the first time. It was remarkable how some people opened up about their concerns.

At the Carnival we asked passers-by what they love about Biggin Hill, and turned the conversation to spiritual things by asking about their concerns and how we could pray for them. Again, some people seemed amazingly open to speak about their hopes and fears.

In all three areas, we have interacted with members of the public who may have only the faintest idea of the Good News.

Many thanks to all members of this Committee: Cordelia Perera, Sue & Peter Walker, Stephanie Peacock & Gordon Harris

Mark Newman  
Chair

## Safeguarding

Stephanie Peacock continued as the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) since her appointment on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

Safeguarding continued to be a standing agenda item at each PCC.

On 13/3/2024 the PSO introduced the Parish Dashboard to the PCC explaining that it is a step by step method of prioritising the order for completing the various safeguarding tasks some of which have to be brought before the PCC for approval. The PCC was asked to approve a Level 1 Safeguarding Action Plan including adopting a policy called "Responding to a Safeguarding Concern or Allegation"

On 3/5/2024 Stephanie Peacock took over the role of Lead Recruiter from Sue Walker with thanks and appreciation offered to Sue at the APCM/PCC for all the work she had done on behalf of St Mark's with regards to DBS checks and for remaining as a Deputy Recruiter.

The PCC formally adopted the House of Bishops "Promoting a Safer Church" safeguarding policy for children and vulnerable adults on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and approved a Level 2 Safeguarding Action Plan. St Marks Safeguarding Policy was adopted and signed by Revd Newman and the churchwardens and displayed prominently. This policy document was also given to all Hall Hirers.

On 24 July 2024 the PCC formally approved St Mark's Policy on The Recruitment of Ex-Offenders in line with the Church of England's Guidance

On 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 a Level 3 Summary Action Plan was approved by the PCC and St Mark's Social Media Policy & Social Media Child Protection Policy was approved.

This year the PSO introduced "Safeguarding with Coffee and Cake" which was training at her home in an informal group setting. The uptake was excellent with 15 attendees in March and a further 7 in October for the Basic Awareness course. Then in May there were 5 attendees on the Foundation Course. Stephanie would like to thank Mark Newman and Jerry Peacock for their help in running the "At Home" training meetings.

At the end of the year 64 members of St Marks were up to date with their Safeguarding Training and all those needing DBS checks were also up to date.

The safeguarding information on the church website has been updated and relevant posters are on display in the church and church hall.

Stephanie Peacock  
Parish Safeguarding Officer

## **Singers and Music Group**

2024 has established St Mark's Singers as a committed choir who continue to work together to form a cohesive musical group accompanied by the organ or the keyboard at the 10.30am services. The 10.30am Parish Eucharist has continued to be streamed so singers confident in using a microphone have led the singing as without this, those watching the live streaming cannot hear the songs! The singers have supported worship every Sunday and on other occasions such as funerals and festivals such as Good Friday Messy Church, Christingles and the Christmas Carol Service.

John Williams continued to provide wonderful accompaniment every Sunday until July 2024 when he then retired from playing the organ. It was with sadness that we accepted his decision, and we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the long service John gave to attending choir practices, accompanying choir and congregational singing and then incidental music played at services and events. John's dedication and quiet expertise to this aspect of St Mark's music has been invaluable and we sincerely thank him for it. Chris Walker has agreed to pick up the mantle of accompanying signing at services using the keyboard or programming the digital hymnal. Kaye and David Scott played guitar at All Age Worship along with Chris. Thanks are due to Dennis Moor who played the organ for the Christmas Carol Service.

The number of singers in the choir has increased to 15 members and practices continued to take place on Friday evenings, and great enjoyment and fun has been had in learning new songs taken from the 6 Volumes of Songs of Fellowship. New songs have been introduced at All Age Worship and then amalgamated into the Parish Eucharist services.

Other musical activities in the church have included concerts by the Beckenham Concert Band and a concert given by Bromley and Petts Wood Rock Choir. In December, Fairchildes Primary School choir entertained at the Christmas Fair and students from Charles Darwin held a concert too.

Again - Sincere thanks go to all singers and musicians who have given their time to push forward this important aspect of worship at St Mark's.

Chris Walker

## **Website**

After a major redesign in 2023, this last year saw only minor changes. They were:

- On the home page “Miscellaneous News” replaced the collage of members photos. News posted here can look back to recent events in the church, highlight particular forthcoming events. It can also publicise community action, e.g. the campaign to save the Spitfire Centre.
- A new page on sustainability was launched as part of EcoChurch.

Finally I continued to spend time getting to grips with the idiosyncrasies of the Church Edit software. This automatically modifies how the page lays out depending whether the person viewing the page is using a laptop/desktop, tablet or phone. This is quite straightforward when the page is plain text, but if there are photos embedded in it, it can be difficult keeping the photo and the relevant text near to each other regardless of the viewing device.

Peter Walker

## **Welcare in Bromley**

During the past year, the team at Welcare in Bromley has continued to provide a caring and professional support service, endeavouring to give children in the area the best possible start in life. This year there was an even greater demand for their charitable services offering preventative group work programmes for families facing problems due to domestic abuse, parental conflict, mental health and emotional well-being issues, as well as social isolation due to the challenges caused by low income and the continuing rise in the cost of living. This year, Welcare in Bromley worked with Feed London to provide food boxes filled with fresh ingredients, recipes and supermarket vouchers to help families through the school summer holidays.

Welcare in Bromley works closely with their multi-agency partners, with the aim of managing interlinking risks to families. This has led to a demand for specific interventions, including CapeAbility groups and theme-based workshops for children in schools, parenting programmes and family support. Schools remain a significant source of incoming referrals and continue to request support to help children/families cope with emotions, mental health and social needs.

Many fund-raising events were held during the year including coffee mornings, plant sales and carol singing in the Glades. The Annual Welcare Service of Thanksgiving was held in November at Bromley Parish Church to celebrate the support of congregations and clergy from parishes that support the work of Welcare in Bromley.

Heather Shannon  
Welcare representative

**The Parish Church of St Mark  
Biggin Hill, Kent**

**Financial Statements  
of the  
Parochial Church Council  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

<b>Vicar :</b>	<b>Rev Alison Newman</b>
<b>Treasurer :</b>	<b>Mr Don Reeks</b>
<b>Independent Examiner :</b>	<b>Mr Peter Cureton-Jones FCCA</b>





**St Mark's Church - Biggin Hill - 1132503**

**Statement of Financial Activities**

**For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	76,911.58	3,595.00	—	80,506.58	126,140.13
Income from charitable activities	23,408.55	16,980.26	—	40,388.81	30,141.90
Other trading activities	9,535.66	—	—	9,535.66	5,145.42
Investments	4,197.03	—	—	4,197.03	3,989.91
Other income	13,609.19	14,504.72	—	28,113.91	13,609.19
<b>Total income and endowments from:</b>	<b>127,662.01</b>	<b>35,079.98</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>162,741.99</b>	<b>179,026.55</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	5,493.00	—	—	5,493.00	5,600.75
Expenditure on charitable activities	113,484.15	103,841.47	—	217,325.62	130,801.94
Other expenditure	10,067.32	—	—	10,067.32	7,399.20
<b>Total expenditure on:</b>	<b>129,044.47</b>	<b>103,841.47</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>232,885.94</b>	<b>143,801.89</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>	<b>(1,382.46)</b>	<b>(68,761.49)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(70,143.95)</b>	<b>35,224.66</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	30,088.39	—	—	30,088.39	17,045.86
Gross transfers between funds - out	(30,088.39)	—	—	(30,088.39)	(17,045.86)
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>	<b>(1,382.46)</b>	<b>(68,761.49)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(70,143.95)</b>	<b>35,224.66</b>
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(1,382.46)</b>	<b>(68,761.49)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(70,143.95)</b>	<b>35,224.66</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>116,565.49</b>	<b>88,747.69</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>205,313.18</b>	<b>170,088.52</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>115,183.03</b>	<b>19,986.20</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>135,169.23</b>	<b>205,313.18</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
Unrestricted					
General fund	14,519.10	—	—	14,519.10	6,323.44
Designated					
Church Lighting - Des	3,000.00	—	—	3,000.00	8,602.24
Church Repair Fund	41,050.46	—	—	41,050.46	38,351.13
Diocesan Account	30,604.38	—	—	30,604.38	31,344.25
Hall Repair Fund	26,009.09	—	—	26,009.09	31,944.43
Restricted					
Belltower Fund	—	1,428.88	—	1,428.88	1,428.88
Church Lighting - Res	—	—	—	—	68,174.76
LBB Fund	—	18,557.32	—	18,557.32	19,144.05

## Balance sheet (Church of England)

As at: 31 December 2024

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	15,108.08	18,127.54
Cash at bank and in hand	129,047.91	192,188.08
	<u>144,155.99</u>	<u>210,315.62</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	8,986.76	5,002.44
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>	<u>135,169.23</u>	<u>205,313.18</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<u>135,169.23</u>	<u>205,313.18</u>
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	<u>135,169.23</u>	<u>205,313.18</u>
<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
Unrestricted - General fund	14,519.10	6,323.44
<b>Designated</b>		
Designated - Church Lighting - Des	3,000.00	8,602.24
Designated - Church Repair Fund	41,050.46	38,351.13
Designated - Hall Repair Fund	26,009.09	31,944.43
Designated - Diocesan Account	30,604.38	31,344.25
Designated - Reserves Fund	—	—
<b>Restricted</b>		
Restricted - Church Lighting - Res	—	68,174.76
Restricted - LBB Fund	18,557.32	19,144.05
Restricted - Belltower Fund	1,428.88	1,428.88
<b>Funds of the church</b>	<u>135,169.23</u>	<u>205,313.18</u>

Approved by the PCC on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

The Revd. Alison Newman – Chair

*A m Newman*

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

### Accounting policies

#### a Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. 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.

#### *Voluntary Income*

*Collections* are recognised when received.

*Planned giving* receivable is recognised only when received.

*Income tax* recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

*Grants and legacies* are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

#### *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.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024(contd.)

**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**

**Tangible fixed assets**

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s. 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

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. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired since 2000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life (see note (d)).

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £3000 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	50% 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 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. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

**Analysis of income and expenditure**  
**Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Income and endowments</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies</b>						
1010 - Planned giving	54,425.04	—	—	—	54,425.04	49,765.18
1015 - One-off gift aid envelopes	107.00	—	—	—	107.00	—
1020 - Income tax recoverable	14,031.36	—	—	—	14,031.36	19,988.58
1030 - Collections (open plate)	5,552.60	—	—	—	5,552.60	5,608.46
1040 - Donations, appeals etc	2,195.58	—	3,595.00	—	5,790.58	41,807.91
1045 - Legacies	600.00	—	—	—	600.00	8,970.00
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	<b>76,911.58</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,595.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>80,506.58</b>	<b>126,140.13</b>
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>						
1100 - Fees for burial of ashes	1,474.00	—	—	—	1,474.00	1,135.00
1102 - Fees for funeral services	1,205.00	—	—	—	1,205.00	1,707.00
1104 - Fees for wedding services	25.00	—	—	—	25.00	192.00
1105 - Baptism certificates	144.00	—	—	—	144.00	189.00
1106 - Fees for publication of banns	108.00	—	—	—	108.00	119.00
1107 - Memorial & renewal of vows	120.00	—	—	—	120.00	840.00
1108 - Services - St Georges	1,800.00	—	—	—	1,800.00	2,000.68
1109 - Weddings and funerals extras	1,822.00	—	—	—	1,822.00	2,485.00
1120 - Children & Young People	—	—	—	—	—	12.05
1125 - Holiday club	—	—	—	—	—	399.00
1130 - Toddler groups	660.55	—	—	—	660.55	955.20
1140 - Flowers	460.00	—	—	—	460.00	555.00
1210 - Book & garden of remembrance	1,820.00	—	—	—	1,820.00	1,890.00
1220 - Hall lettings	13,424.00	—	—	—	13,424.00	9,710.00
1221 - LBB Lease maintenance	—	—	16,980.26	—	16,980.26	7,952.97
1222 - Other income	346.00	—	—	—	346.00	—
1230 - Reserves	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>23,408.55</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>16,980.26</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>40,388.81</b>	<b>30,141.90</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>						
1050 - 100 club	705.00	—	—	—	705.00	885.00
1060 - Events - fundraising	3,342.26	—	—	—	3,342.26	2,705.81
1090 - Church magazine & literature	5,488.40	—	—	—	5,488.40	1,554.61
<b>Other trading activities Totals</b>	<b>9,535.66</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>9,535.66</b>	<b>5,145.42</b>
<b>Investments</b>						
1110 - Bank account interest	585.06	—	—	—	585.06	1,017.34
1115 - Church repair fund interest	—	1,399.33	—	—	1,399.33	1,095.31
1116 - Hall repair fund interest	—	979.98	—	—	979.98	901.78
1117 - Diocesan loan fund interest	—	1,232.66	—	—	1,232.66	975.48
<b>Investments Totals</b>	<b>585.06</b>	<b>3,611.97</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,197.03</b>	<b>3,989.91</b>
<b>Other income</b>						
1080 - Tower telecomms rental	13,609.19	—	—	—	13,609.19	13,609.19
1340 - Grants	—	—	14,504.72	—	14,504.72	—
<b>Other income Totals</b>	<b>13,609.19</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>14,504.72</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>28,113.91</b>	<b>13,609.19</b>

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
<b>Income and endowments</b>	124,050.04	3,611.97	35,079.98	—	162,741.99	179,026.55
<b>Grand totals</b>						
<b>Expenditure</b>						
<b>Raising funds</b>						
2200 - Church magazine & literature	5,133.00	—	—	—	5,133.00	5,240.75
2210 - 100 club	360.00	—	—	—	360.00	360.00
2220 - Events	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Raising funds Totals</b>	5,493.00	—	—	—	5,493.00	5,600.75
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>						
2010 - Parish Share	69,621.00	—	—	—	69,621.00	53,750.00
2020 - Vicarage costs	4,241.61	—	—	—	4,241.61	3,912.18
2030 - Vicar's expenses	426.88	—	—	—	426.88	351.98
2035 - Curate's expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2040 - Visiting clergy costs	431.20	—	—	—	431.20	505.85
2050 - Outreach & mission	230.00	—	—	—	230.00	277.00
2060 - Parish Administrator costs	10,118.69	—	—	—	10,118.69	9,771.16
2080 - Missionary & charitable giving	1,315.00	—	—	—	1,315.00	6,465.00
2090 - Flowers	562.89	—	—	—	562.89	831.93
2100 - Services (wafers & wine etc)	386.90	—	—	—	386.90	563.01
2110 - Organ service & repairs	594.00	—	—	—	594.00	570.00
2120 - Bells, choir & media	1,134.37	—	—	—	1,134.37	897.28
2130 - Toddlers	—	—	—	—	—	—
2140 - Children & young people	80.42	—	—	—	80.42	126.12
2150 - Holiday club	—	—	—	—	—	251.07
2160 - Insurance	2,920.57	—	1,715.26	—	4,635.83	4,576.69
2170 - General Maintenance	445.13	1,260.00	—	—	1,705.13	5,187.64
2175 - Planned Maintenance	3,401.29	—	1,956.99	—	5,358.28	4,152.68
2180 - Utilities	6,528.24	—	6,528.23	—	13,056.47	18,243.79
2185 - Printing & stationery	478.61	—	—	—	478.61	472.60
2190 - Management & Administration	3,329.94	—	—	—	3,329.94	2,481.57
2240 - Wedding & funeral payments	821.95	—	—	—	821.95	1,554.80
2400 - Hall expenses	1,843.27	—	7,366.51	—	9,209.78	11,024.55
2410 - Garden & book of remembrance	770.67	—	—	—	770.67	809.84
2700 - Planned Project cost	—	2,541.52	86,274.48	—	88,816.00	4,025.20
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	109,682.63	3,801.52	103,841.47	—	217,325.62	130,801.94
<b>Other expenditure</b>						
2420 - Miscellaneous purchases	—	—	—	—	—	6,499.20
2430 - Hall repairs	—	7,067.32	—	—	7,067.32	—
2450 - Belltower	—	—	—	—	—	900.00
2460 - Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—
2470 - Bibles & Banners	—	—	—	—	—	—
2480 - Hymn Books	—	—	—	—	—	—
2490 - Elbow chairs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2520 - Church repairs	—	3,000.00	—	—	3,000.00	—
2525 - CCTV upgrade	—	—	—	—	—	—
2600 - Examiner's Fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>	—	10,067.32	—	—	10,067.32	7,399.20
<b>Expenditure Grand totals</b>	115,175.63	13,868.84	103,841.47	—	232,885.94	143,801.89