

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
BRANKSOME PARK

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ALL SAINTS', BRANKSOME PARK, POOLE

DIOCESE OF SALISBURY

CHARITY NUMBER: 1132583

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2024

AIM AND PURPOSES

All Saints' Branksome Park's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Dr Luke Steven, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church. The PCC also has responsibility for paid staff and for the maintenance of the church building, churchyard, vicarage (for which primary responsibility rests with the Diocese Board of Finance), and church hall.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church, become part of our community at All Saints', and benefit from the pastoral and missionary activities that we offer. This objective was reflected in our mission statement of 2024 to be a church of "old and young, sharing God's love with everyone".

The PCC has given due regard to the Charity Commissions' guidance on public benefit. To this end we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith, or to explore faith, as part of our community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and beyond
- Missionary and outreach work

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Vicar's report

2024, what a year! I arrived in January as the new Priest-in-Charge and received such a warm welcome and so much support from everyone. I've been struck by what a strong culture of getting involved there is at All Saints'. From 9 year-olds to 90 year-olds, there are just so many people who give their time and skills in our church community. I am hugely grateful to each one of them, and a true highlight of the year for me was our Volunteers Celebration just before Christmas. One person to mention and celebrate in particular this year is Revd Kate Edwards, who was

ordained deacon over the Summer at Salisbury Cathedral and is now serving as Curate here at All Saints'. What a gift she has been to me and to our whole church. Kate has put so much love into this church community over many years, and now she has been ordained to follow her calling to serve the people here. I'm also very grateful to the Churchwardens, PCC, and staff team for their leadership and hard work. Together this year as we've met and planned, we have been feeling our way into God's exciting calling for our church to be a community of "Saints Alive, old and young, sharing God's love with everyone".

But even before all the amazing saints alive who help at All Saints', the real driver behind all that's been happening in 2024 has been prayer. In the Bible it says that it's God who teaches us how to pray, and this year I've certainly learned a thing or two as God has sent us out into different environments to pray in new ways. Over Lent we took our weekly Wednesday prayer meeting onto the cliff tops above the sea. On Good Friday all ages squelched up Branksome Chine on a prayer journey through Jesus' passion and crucifixion. Over Summer church moved to the beach for "Send Us Out Sundays", where we prayed, played, worshipped, met new people, and on the final Sunday of summer celebrated 10 baptisms in the sea!

Thanks to extraordinary people and powerful prayers All Saints' has continued to offer: Sunday services, with the 11am service in particular growing in numbers, Monday Teddies and Toddlers, Wednesday Tea Parties, Friday Knit-and-Natter, our Stepping Stones walking group, and pastoral support for local people and nursing homes. In addition to these - and other - long-standing and much valued services to our local community, new things have also sprung up, for example: a monthly Bereavement Support Group, the Slow Strollers walking group for shorter and slower walks, and our "Blessed Are the Carers Service" to celebrate National Carers' Week. So there is lots to give thanks for, and I am really excited to see what God has in store for his saints alive here at All Saints' in 2025.

Revd Dr Luke Steven

Churchwardens' report on the Fabric, Goods, and Ornaments

The Churchwardens are pleased to confirm that the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church are regularly checked and inspected. The silver, brass, plate and wooden items were all found to be present and in good order. Items checked included all the Communion silver, together with the travelling Communion sets used when Communion is taken away from church. We operate a rolling program of maintenance which includes the roof, walls, windows, rainwater goods, etc. Some minor stone repairs to the exterior walls of the church are being arranged for 2025, using correct methods and materials and in consultation with our quinquennial architect. In addition, routine redecoration of the vestry will also be undertaken with the guidance of the quinquennial architect. In July our church noticeboard was completely repaired and redecorated, and now looks much tidier and more inviting. The five-yearly electrical testing and inspection highlighted that some parts of the circuitry would need replacing. This has now been completed to appropriate standards.

Michael Steen and Janet Morris, Churchwardens

Deanery Synod report

All Saints' is part of the Poole and North Bournemouth Deanery Synod. Each church in the Poole and North Bournemouth area, send representatives to the three meetings each year. It is an opportunity to meet and worship together, to learn about each church and to listen to a speaker on a variety of different, topical subjects.

The three meetings for 2024 were as follows:

Wednesday 21st February St. Philips Church West Howe, Bournemouth

The Rev. Christine Brooks welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the church was a plant from St. Andrews, Kinson in 1953. It was rebuilt in 1986. She talked about a once monthly group called Kingdom Kids, where all ages get together to discover more about Jesus through crafts, bible study, worship, prayer, crumpets and cakes! Mark Rathbone gave an update on the support for a project to construct a new building at St John's College, Wau. Rev. Lucy Holt spoke about the new logo for the Diocese of Salisbury. She

also talked about the revised parish share. David Reed also spoke about the lessons to be learnt from the Church Graft in Hamworthy and that the graft is not a "takeover strategy," but a collaborative partnership, where people could develop their own vision and way forward, independently of the sending church.

Wednesday 5th June St. James Church, Poole

Rev. Lucy Holt welcomed everyone to the church and outlined the £3 million building project the church is working on. She outlined the need to undertake the project and ways in which they hope to raise the money. We had a presentation by Alistair Doxat-Purser from Faithworks, who outlined the work of the charity, what their aims were and the different challenges they face.

Thursday 10th October The Church of the Good Shepherd

Rev. Debbie Smith welcomed everyone to the new church building, in its first week of opening. The theme of the evening was to be climate action, with four presentations: Clothes swap at St. Thomas, Church of Good, Shepherd Design, Renewable Energy, Churchyard projects. Each presentation was followed by group questions and answers.

These meetings are both interesting and informative. If you would like to know more about any of the meetings, please speak with any representative from All Saints'.

Will Unwin, Sam Moore, Howard Cunningham-Smith, Janet Morris

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total unrestricted income for the year was £123,364, an increase of 9.4% over last year. This change was due to an increase in all the methods of regular giving, in particular donations through the Parish Giving Scheme. The fete provided a healthy contribution to the coffers again in 2024. Due to the good work of our gift aid officer, Ray Stephenson, we received £16,114 in gift aid, a substantial increase on last year. The total unrestricted expenditure for the year was £187,520, a reduction of 14% over last year. The decrease was mainly due to a reduction in our Parish Share and lower costs for office staff as their numbers were reduced from 3 to 1. There was

an increase in utilities costs. Most other costs have remained broadly the same as last year as endeavours were made to keep costs to a minimum. The net result for the year was a deficit on unrestricted funds of £64,156. This was supported by drawing funds down from the unrestricted legacy fund in 2025. A detailed breakdown of all the income and expenditure can be found in the annual accounts, along with details of the restricted and endowment funds.

Lynne Meacock, Treasurer

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At All Saints' the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), curate, churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial induction into the workings of the PCC, as well as a copy of *Handbook for Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councillors: New Revised Edition* (London: Bloomsbury, 2010).

The full PCC met nine times during the year.

ADMINISTRATION

All Saints' Branksome Park is situated in Branksome Park, Poole. It is part of the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England. The correspondence address is All Saints' Church Branksome Park, 28 Western Road, Poole, BH13 7BP. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission (charity number: 1132583).

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

Ex officio members:

Incumbent: Revd Dr Luke Steven Chairman
Curate: Revd Kate Edwards
Churchwarden: Mrs Janet Morris
Churchwarden: Mr Michael Steen

Elected members:

Mrs Caroline Nicholson	(until May 2024)
Mr Philip Corneby	(until May 2024)
Mrs Kate Edwards	(until May 2024)
Mrs Judith Glover	(from May 2024)
Mr Tom Tobin	(from May 2024)
Mr Robert Renshaw	(from May 2024)
Mr Wyn Jones	(from May 2024)
Mr Howard Cunningham-Smith	Deanery Synod representative
Mr William Unwin	Deanery Synod representative
Mr Sam Moore	Deanery Synod representative
Mrs Barbara Bamford	
Mrs Emma Barton	
Mrs Anne Burton	
Mrs Stella Whitcombe	
Mr John Crowe	Secretary
Mrs Lynne Meacock	Treasurer
Mr Colin Van Schagen	
Mrs Carol Burden	

Approved by the PCC on: 2nd April 2025

and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Dr Luke Steven (PCC Chairman):

Luke Steven

**All Saints' Church, Branksome Park,
Poole
Charity Number 1132583**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024**

Incumbent

Rev Luke Steven
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Churchwardens

Mrs Janet Morris
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Independant Examiner

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES, YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES:					
Voluntary Income	101,097	6,968	-	108,065	102,297
Activities for generating funds	4,954	13,705	-	18,659	16,485
Investment Income	824	637	8,840	10,301	10,003
From charitable activities	14,743	877	-	15,620	16,715
Other incoming resources	1,746	-	1,750	3,496	2,927
Total Incoming Resources	123,364	22,187	10,590	156,141	148,426
EXPENDED RESOURCES:					
Activities relating to the work of the church	182,450	9,631	8,423	200,504	224,122
Grants to charities	-	12,661	-	12,661	6,759
Cost of generating funds	2,332	-	-	2,332	2,744
Church Administration	2,738	-	-	2,738	2,945
Total Expended Resources	187,520	22,292	8,423	218,236	236,570
Net incoming resources	(64,157)	(105)	2,167	(62,095)	(88,144)
Unrealised losses/ gains on investments	22,436	525	7,260	30,221	(11,432)
Net decrease/ increase in funds	(41,721)	420	9,428	(31,874)	(99,576)
Total funds brought forward 1.1.2024	636,524	37,399	321,846	995,769	1,095,345
Total funds carried forward 31.12.2024	594,803	37,819	331,274	963,895	995,769

INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2024	Total 2023
Voluntary Income					
	£	£		£	£
Planned Giving	58,264	-	-	58,264	47,903
Collections and other giving	14,050	6,590	-	20,640	20,908
Sum up/Dona	5,984			5,984	2,661
Donations	6,684	-	-	6,684	12,060
Legacies	-		-	-	5,000
Gift Aid Tax Claimable	16,114	378	-	16,492	13,765
Total	101,097	6,968	-	108,065	102,297
Activities for generating funds					
Fete	4,954	-	-	4,954	5,068
Church Hall	-	13,705	-	13,705	11,416
Total	4,954	13,705	-	18,659	16,485
Investment Income					
Investment Income	596	637	8,840	10,073	9,869
Short term deposit income	228	-	-	228	133
Total	824	637	8,840	10,301	10,003
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Wedding Fees	2,613	-	-	2,613	3,433
Funeral and Churchyard Fees	12,130	-	-	12,130	12,655
Baptism		-		-	-
Choir fees		877	-	877	627
	14,743	877	-	15,620	16,715
Other incoming resources	1,746	-	1,750	3,496	2,927
Total Income	123,364	22,187	10,590	156,141	148,426

RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£		£	£
Activities Directly Relating to work of the church					
Parish Share	75,000	-	-	75,000	96,270
Musicians	4,169	-	-	4,169	2,178
Verger	9,897	-	-	9,897	8,500
Parish Office staff	15,987	-	-	15,987	28,402
Children and Family Pastor	37,704	-	-	37,704	34,940
Vicar Expenses and fees	1,660	-	-	1,660	206
Church Services	1,167	-	-	1,167	558
Outreach	368	-	-	368	-
Church Insurance, Heat and Light	18,253	-	-	18,253	16,769
Repairs and Renewals	1,909	-	3,554	5,464	4,666
Upkeep of Churchyard	609	-	2,058	2,667	2,539
Church and Vestry Cleaning	1,734	-	-	1,734	2,565
Recoupment to Church Fabric Fun	1,750	-	-	1,750	1,750
Wedding and Funeral Expenses	3,635	-	-	3,635	8,002
Diocese Fees	3,493	-	-	3,493	-
Vicarage and gardens	-	-	2,811	2,811	2,250
Sundries	5,115	-	-	5,115	3,863
Church Hall		9,631	-	9,631	10,663
Total	182,450	9,631	8,423	200,504	224,122
Grants to Charities					
Missionary Charities		4,560	-	4,560	4,205
Others(See Page 6)	-	8,101	-	8,101	2,554
Total	-	12,661	-	12,661	6,759
Cost of generating funds					
Fete	2,332	-	-	2,332	2,744
	2,332	-	-	2,332	2,744
Church Administration					
	2,738	-	-	2,738	2,945
Total	187,520	22,292	8,423	218,236	236,570

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Investments	535,330	23,465	327,481	886,277	954,307
Current Assets					
Debtors	9,514	965	0	10,479	1,866
Short term Investments	4,521	0	0	4,521	4,293
Cash at bank and in hand	51,011	14,363	3,792	69,166	39,293
Total Current Assets	65,046	15,328	3,792	84,165	45,453
Less Creditors	5,574	976	-	6,550	3,992
TOTAL ASSETS less Current Liabilities	594,802	37,817	331,274	963,893	995,767
Represented by - Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted Funds				594,803	636,524
Restricted Funds				37,819	37,399
Endowment Funds				331,274	321,847
TOTAL FUNDS				963,895	995,769

Note: The assets of All Saints' Church include the Church Hall. This is not included in the Balance Sheet. The Hall Extension cost £207,000 to build in 1993.

Lynne Meacock, Treasurer, 6th April 2025

APPROVED BY ALL SAINTS' BRANKSOME PARK PCC & SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY:

Chairman:
Rev L Steven

Luhe Steven

Member

Jeffery Low

6th April 2025

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought Fwd 1.01.2024	Income *	Expenditure	Carried Fwd 31.12.2024
	£	£	£	£
Activities Relating to the work of the church				
Choir	1,863	877	252	2,488
Church Hall	23,579	14,867	9,631	28,815
	<u>25,442</u>	<u>15,744</u>	<u>9,883</u>	<u>31,303</u>
Missionary Charities				
Children's Society	-	729	729	-
Faith Works	2	1,337	1,337	2
SAT 7	10	-	-	10
Beautiful Gate	1,680	787	2,467	-
Sudan Link	-	1,042	27	1,015
	<u>1,692</u>	<u>3,895</u>	<u>4,560</u>	<u>1,027</u>
Other restricted funds				
Church Projects	8,494	897	5,916	3,475
Older Persons Ministry	103	-	-	103
Operations & Events	1,391	-	-	1,391
All Saints Youth	161	243	-	404
Autumn Fair	-	1,933	1,933	-
Wildlife Group	115	-	-	115
	<u>10,264</u>	<u>3,073</u>	<u>7,849</u>	<u>5,488</u>
TOTALS	<u>37,398</u>	<u>22,712</u>	<u>22,292</u>	<u>37,818</u>

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	Brought Fwd 1.01.2024	Income *	Expenditure	Carried Fwd 31.12.2024
	£	£	£	£
Churchyard	74,149	3,755	2,058	75,846
Vicarage	109,261	5,449	2,811	111,899
Church Fabric	128,035	8,206	3,554	132,687
Freer Memorial	10,402	441	-	10,843
TOTALS	<u>321,846</u>	<u>17,851</u>	<u>8,423</u>	<u>331,275</u>

UNRESTRICTED INVESTMENT

Tyndall	591,423	21,944	100,000	513,367
Yarwood	18,310	927	508	18,729
Maintenance fund	3,162	160	88	3,234
TOTALS	<u>612,895</u>	<u>23,031</u>	<u>100,596</u>	<u>535,330</u>

*Income includes unrealised gains on investments

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of All Saints Church,
Branksome Park, Parochial Church Council.**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

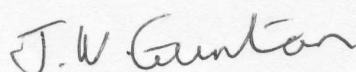
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Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention;

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

Mr John Gunton



"Kloof House", 36 Links Road

Parkstone, Poole

Date 6 April 2025

Note 1

Other incoming resources - Unrestricted

Flower donations	1,010.00
Sundries	26.59
Coffees	709.34
	<u>1,745.93</u>

Other incoming resources - Endowment

Repayment of loan to Church Fabric Fund 1750

Note 2

Sundry expenses

Sum up costs	559.63
Bank charges	208.21
Books and materials	73.24
Parish sundries	3,013.13
Flowers	1,110.91
Coffee	149.62
	<u>5,114.74</u>

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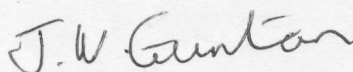
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