

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson  
Green and Forest Fields**

(Registered charity, number 1132850)

**Financial statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson  
Green and Forest Fields  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Full name** The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson  
Green and Forest Fields

**Other names by which the charity is known**

St Stephen with St Paul PCC

PCC of St Stephen with St Paul Hyson Green (working name)

**Registered charity number** 1132850

**Principal address**

St Stephen's Church, Bobbers Mill Road, Hyson Green, Nottingham, NG7 5GZ

**Trustees**

Rev Clive Burrows, Vicar  
Lesley Silcock, Treasurer  
Sharon Bravo, Minute Secretary  
Jean McCloughry, Warden  
Stephen Paget, Warden  
Sandra Brailsford, Reader  
Jenny Lewin, Reader  
Folasade Sowunmi, Reader  
Graham Lewin

Mohammed Ashtari  
Karen Burrows  
Deirdre Dixon  
Peter Dixon  
Tamin Fetrat  
Arash Shayegan  
Linford Grant  
Albert Gill

**Independent examiner**

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

**Governance and management**

We are governed in our operation and formulation by the Canons of the Church of England and Pastoral measures. Members are elected and appointed at AGM. The membership of the PCC lasts three years before stepping down for a year. Officers are excluded.

Trustees are elected at APCM.

**Objectives and activities**

The principal aims of the PCC are to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, to spread the word of Jesus Christ in the area of Hyson Green and Forest Fields and minister to the people who live there.

**Public benefit statement**

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

## **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson Green and Forest Fields**

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

2024 has been another busy year in the life of our vibrant, multicultural, inner urban city church. We continue to pursue our aim of 'Crossing Cultures with Christ'. Our leadership and participation in church life expresses that desire.

We have developed our technology and ways of working so that we could reach out to more people across the country, and even abroad. We have continued to use a mixed approach to meeting, with some preferring to meet in person and others, especially those that are more vulnerable, preferring to meet on Zoom.

As a way of reaching out to the people in our parish, letting them know that we exist and that we care about them, we once again delivered Christmas and Easter cards to many homes in our parish. Together with the card we included a prayer card. On this card we offered to pray for people, if they returned the card letting us know their needs.

This year we began a new outreach into our community: Church Without Walls. We are offering free tea and coffee near a supermarket in our parish as an opportunity to meet people and get to know them. It has proved very successful. We meet once or twice a month on Saturday morning and find that people are surprised and delighted that we are offering something new and a chance to chat. Although building numbers of those who come on Sunday morning to our services is not the real aim several have started to do so.

On Tuesday evenings we hold an online Al Massira course for people from a Muslim background. The course takes about 6 months to complete and has about 30 members. When the course has been completed members move to our group that also meets online on Thursday evenings. We have studied a discipleship training course this year. The Farsi speakers are mostly from Iran and Afghanistan. After sharing news, reading a psalm together in Farsi and singing worship songs in Farsi, we divide into 2 breakout rooms for the Bible study. The groups are well attended and the members seem to be enthusiastic about attending. We have continued to serve the most vulnerable with deliveries of hygiene products, kindly given to us by another voluntary sector organisation, the Hygiene Bank.

Children, young people and families have always been an important part of the life of our church. During this year we have tried different ways of supporting and including them during services with special children's activities, involvement in all age worship, including leading the service, and a summer programme. We take regular assemblies at our local schools, including a private Muslim Primary School, and they visit the church for Experience Easter and Christingle and concerts. Once a month on Saturday mornings we hold Messy Church for families which attracts about 40 people. We have a large team of about 20 people that help facilitate the event, which includes lunch afterwards.



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Our leadership training programme is helping new people to come forward to help lead. One of our members is training to be a Reader on our diocesan training programme.

Despite a year of spending more than income, the church has given away over £10,000 including to those less fortunate in our own community and those in other parts of the world.

### **Financial review**

We have had a better financial year. We have caught up on our Gift Aid owed from the last few years. Our utility bills have reduced a bit.

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

The charity aims to keep 3 months running costs as reserves.

### **Major financial risks**

The financial risk that the charity faces is an ageing long standing congregation and newcomers with little money.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed



Rev Clive Burrows, Vicar, Trustee

Date

6.4.25

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson  
Green and Forest Fields  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson Green and Forest Fields (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').


I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date 8/4/25  
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE  
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson  
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Receipts & payments account  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

2023			Unrestricted	Restricted	2024
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds			£	£	Funds
£					£
	<b>Receipts</b>				
74704	Grants & donations	2	63808	5500	69308
16628	Gift aid		25584	-	25584
1000	Legacies		-	-	-
148	Fundraising		196	-	196
1683	Bank interest		2674	-	2674
1020	Sales & fees		1868	-	1868
160	Loan repaid		145	-	145
<u>95343</u>	<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>94275</u>	<u>5500</u>	<u>99775</u>
	<b>Payments</b>				
29	Bank charges		17	-	17
331	Children & young people costs		333	-	333
18332	Church		16737	-	16737
10090	Giving		8206	2250	10456
773	Hospitality & activities		964	-	964
1063	Incumbent, Curate & Priest expenses		1227	-	1227
552	Legal & professional fees		612	-	612
1866	Major repairs & redecoration		11518	-	11518
11689	Office		13288	-	13288
40092	Parish share		42120	-	42120
2662	Service expenses		2986	-	2986
<u>87479</u>	<b>Total payments</b>		<u>98008</u>	<u>2250</u>	<u>100258</u>
7864	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		(3733)	3250	(483)
<u>225652</u>	Cash funds at start of this period		<u>228725</u>	<u>4791</u>	<u>233516</u>
<u>233516</u>	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>		<u>224992</u>	<u>8041</u>	<u>233033</u>

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson  
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Statement of assets and liabilities  
at 31 December 2024**

2023		2024
£		£
<u>233516</u>	<b>Cash assets</b>	<u>233033</u>
<u>233516</u>	Bank accounts	<u><b>233033</b></u>
	<b>Other monetary assets</b>	
380	Loan	235
-	Bank interest receivable	75
<u>492</u>	Prepayment - CCLI licence	<u>517</u>
<u>872</u>		<u><b>827</b></u>
	<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	
	General equipment.	
	Laptop purchased October 2020, cost £799.	
	CCTV system purchased April 2022, cost £2,659.	
	Alarm system purchased September 2022, cost £1,109.	
	<b>Liabilities</b>	
<u>(612)</u>	Creditors - Independent Examination	<u>(636)</u>
<u>(612)</u>		<u><b>(636)</b></u>

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

Signed Lesley Silcock Date 7/4/25  
Lesley Silcock, Trustee



**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson  
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Notes to the accounts  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**1. Receipts & payments accounts**

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

**2. Grants & donations**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
CAF/UKET Vouchers	1350	-	1350
Church collections	3708	-	3708
Covenanted giving	47567	-	47567
Gift Day and other donations	8879	5500	14379
Pledge envelopes	1187	-	1187
SumUp donations	1117	-	1117
	<b>63808</b>	<b>5500</b>	<b>69308</b>

**3. Funds analysis**

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Church general fund	108725	94275	(98008)	104992
Designated development fund	120000	-	-	120000
	<b>228725</b>	<b>94275</b>	<b>(98008)</b>	<b>224992</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Roof fund	3745	3250	-	6995
Sound desk fund	1046	-	-	1046
Special collections	-	2250	(2250)	-
	<b>4791</b>	<b>5500</b>	<b>(2250)</b>	<b>8041</b>

Special collections comprised £2,250 for Unicef.



## **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson Green and Forest Fields**

### **4. Trustees' remuneration**

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

### **5. Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in this period.

### **6. Glossary of terms**

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

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

**Prepayments:** These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

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