

THE PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH HEATON
ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The Parish of Christ Church Heaton in the Deanery of Bolton and the Diocese of Manchester



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**Members of the Parochial Church Council
1st January 2024 – 31st December 2024**

INCUMBENT

Revd Dave Thompson

CURATES

Revd Deborah Bithell

From 30.06.24

Revd Matthew Burnell

From 30.06.24

CHURCHWARDENS

Irene Morris

Holly Bonfield

Until 18.06.24

Timothy Palmer

From 18.06.24

DEPUTY WARDENS

Holly Bonfield

From 18.06.24

Debbie Eccles

From 18.06.24

TREASURER

Andrew Minors

GENERAL SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE

Geoffrey Tattersall

DIOCESAN SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

Christine Syddall

Peter Syddall

DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES (4 x Vacancies)

Hazel Tattersall

ELECTED MEMBERS (1 x Vacancy)

Shyamala Ariyaratnam

Holly Bonfield

From April 2024

Sandy Bowie

Cath Cole

From April 2024

Debbie Eccles

Andrew Holmes

Sarah Hunter

From Oct 2024

Pam Knight

Andrew Minors

Gai Murphy

Richard Newton

Joan Schofield

Stanley Wilson

David Youngman

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APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

PCC CHAIRMAN (Ex Officio)	Revd Dave Thompson	
VICE CHAIRMAN	Irene Morris	
CHURCHWARDENS	Irene Morris Holly Bonfield Timothy Palmer	Until 18.06.24 From 18.06.24
DEPUTY WARDENS	Holly Bonfield Debbie Eccles	From 18.06.24 From 18.06.24
ASSISTANT WARDENS	Raj Ariyaratnam Peter Chapman Howard Entwistle	
TREASURER	Andrew Minors	
PATRONAGE SCHEME SECRETARY	Andrew Minors	
BOOK-KEEPER	Victoria Tattersall	
MINUTES SECRETARY	David Youngman	
ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER	Victoria Tattersall	
FREE WILL OFFERING SECRETARY	Hazel Tattersall	
GIFT AID ADMINISTRATOR	Peter Hodson	
CLERK OF WORKS	Vacant	
CENTRE MANAGER	Vacant	
CHRISTIAN AID REPRESENTATIVE	Vacant	
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE	Jane Chapman Julie Steele	
EUCCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS	Shyamala Ariyaratnam Margaret Goudge Christine Hayes Richard Newton Heather Wilkinson Stanley Wilson	
HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER	Holly Bonfield Irene Morris	Until June 2024 From June 2024
SAFEGUARDING OFFICER	Holly Bonfield	

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEE

Ex-Officio:	Revd Dave Thompson Irene Morris Holly Bonfield Timothy Palmer	(Chair) Until 18.06.24 From 18.06.24
Elected by the PCC:	Andrew Minors David Youngman	

BUILDINGS AND FABRIC COMMITTEE

Ex-Officio:	Revd Dave Thompson Irene Morris Holly Bonfield Timothy Palmer	(Chair) Until 18.06.24 From 18.06.24
Elected by the PCC:	Holly Bonfield Andrew Minors Richard Newton Geoffrey Tattersall Hazel Tattersall Stanley Wilson David Youngman	From 18.06.24

MISSION AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Revd Dave Thompson Raj Ariyaratnam Caroline Lade Laraine Mason Adam Syddall Geoffrey Tattersall Hazel Tattersall	(Chair)
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SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Irene Morris Revd Deborah Bithell Janet Darwell Debbie Eccles Pam Knight Gai Murphy Linda Thompson	(Chair)
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VICAR'S REPORT

It has been very encouraging over the last 12 months to see continuing improvements in our relationships - both within the church and in the community.

The numbers attending church have continued to grow and this has been especially so in our Young Church groups. This would not occur without the commitment of all our leaders. The addition of a new young people's group - Little Fishes - has been very welcome.

It is always good for us to be able to support outside agencies and last year, Christian Aid, Urban Outreach, The Destitution Project, Bolton Lions and Fortalice amongst others have all benefited from the kindness of our congregation.

Any church has to have a balance between the spiritual and the social - the worship of God and fellowship with each other. That combination is very healthy at Christ Church with meetings of the Men's Group, Mothers' Union, the Beetle Drives, the Pop Quiz, the Pancake Party and the very successful Summer Fair mixing with the Sunday and Wednesday services, the Lent Groups, Holy Week activities and all the other various events that contribute to the worshipping life of a church.

In the middle of the year, we acquired two Curates - Deborah & Matthew - as they were ordained Deacon in Manchester Cathedral on 30 June. They have both contributed to the ministry of our church and we are looking forward to them both becoming ordained Priests in the summer.

I would like to thank my fellow clergy, Alan & Lynne; the benefice Authorised Lay Minister Jennifer; churchwardens Irene, Holly & Tim; our administrator Victoria; treasurer Andrew and organist John and the choir. The assistance of the numerous leaders and members of the various groups is invaluable as "Team Christ Church" moves forward in mission & ministry.

Working together in the name of Jesus is the key to serving God within our parish and beyond.

May God continue to be our strength and guide in 2025.

Dave Thompson, Vicar

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Since the last APCM held on 21st April 2024, the PCC has continued to hold regular meetings, having met 6 times during the year, to discuss the business and running of Christ Church ("CCH"). Despite his serious illness in the summer, the Revd Dave Thompson has guided us admirably through those meetings with his wisdom and patience, assisted ably by our Church Wardens, Irene Morris & Tim Palmer and deputy wardens, Holly Bonfield & Debbie Eccles.

Throughout the year, the PCC has dealt with its regular commitments and duties in relation to the financial affairs of CCH, and the care and maintenance of its structure and its contents, as well as the spiritual life of the church.

The typical agenda for the meetings consists of, inter alia, a finance report; correspondence received; Young Church; committee reports; safeguarding and the Vicar's Reflections. However, a considerable amount of time and attention during the year has been devoted by the PCC to the Hetlands boundary, the lease of the Scout Hut and the repair of the Choir Vestry Roof.

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Aided not least of all by the considerable efforts of the Revd Dave Thompson, the Hetlands issue is now resolved and good progress has been made with respect to the Scout Hut lease. A complete refurbishment and renovation of the choir vestry was initially mooted but, following the receipt of the views of certain members of the congregation about the anticipated costs, and further discussion by the PCC, it has been concluded that we focus, with some urgency, solely on the need to repair the roof.

The full list of PCC members is set out on page 3 of this annual report but, in summary, Harold Williams retired at last year's APCM. At that meeting, 4 people stood for re-election, viz. Shyamala Ariyaratnam, Andrew Minors, Pam Knight & Sandie Bowie and all were re-elected. Cath Cole and Holly Bonfield were proposed and both were elected. Sarah Hunter was proposed but as she was not yet on the Electoral Roll she would sit as an observer until October 2024. At that meeting it was also noted that Debbie Eccles had been co-opted during the year, bringing the total number of members, elected & ex-officio, to 22. We still have 4 vacancies on Deanery Synod. If anyone would like to fill one of these vacancies, please speak with the Revd Dave Thompson.

It was with great sadness, that shortly after the end of the year, we lost the services of Geoffrey Tattersall who had been a loyal servant to CCH and to the Church of England nationally. He will be greatly missed.

Finally, we are still without a PCC Secretary. If anyone would like to volunteer for this role, again, please speak with the Revd Dave Thompson.

David W. Youngman PCC Minutes Secretary

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT ON THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH PROPERTIES

CHURCH BUILDINGS AND CONTENTS

The PCC are committed to the repair of the choir vestry roof and the refurbishment of the choir vestry area. Plans and costs have been obtained and the PCC have decided on a flat roof with a lantern in the Centre of the roof, with a refurbishment of the toilets, kitchen, lighting and storage. The next stage is to apply for a Diocese Faculty based on the plans that have been provided by our architect.

The external high-level lighting around the church has been replaced as the existing lights were old and water had been causing the lights to fail.

The 5 yearly Quinquennial Survey was conducted, whilst there were no urgent recommendations, there were some non-urgent suggestions.

CHURCH PROPERTIES

Following the complete refurbishment off the Markland Hill property in the second half of 2023, the property was advertised at a higher rental which reflected the current market rate. A new tenant moved in during February 2024 and remained there for the rest of 2024. The property on Welbeck Road continued to be rented with no change of tenant during the year. The rent on this property was increased during the year.

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A new agent was appointed early in 2024 and this agent now oversees both properties. The rent on both properties will now, on the advice of the agent, be increased annually.

CHURCH GROUNDS

All Seasons continue to provide the main care of our gardens and moss removing needs, along with our valued volunteer gardeners who look after some of the flower beds within the grounds.

Once again, we thank the scouts and volunteers who undertook the mass clearing of the autumn leaves following the harvest service.

A big thank you to Holly who spearheads the cleaning and continued maintenance of the remembrance garden pond.

CHURCH CENTRE

The Centre alarm system has been upgraded to provide the same intruder protection arrangements as the Church.

We wish to thank Janet Darwell for ensuring that the Centre and Church are clean and ready for our Centre users and Congregation.

Irene Morris - Church Warden

Tim Palmer - Church Warden

ELECTORAL ROLL

Prior to this meeting a new Electoral Roll has been created. This contains 149 names.

Victoria Tattersall, Electoral Roll Officer

DEANERY SYNOD

The enlarged Bolton Deanery held 4 Synod meetings during 2024 with the Area Dean, Rev Simon Cook and the Lay Chair Mr. Keith Lewis taking the lead, ably assisted by Evelyn Weston, the Deanery Secretary.

Once again, the first meeting was held on Zoom on 6th February. The main Agenda item was entitled "Clergy Vacancies, Deployment and the Diocesan Vision" led by the Archdeacon Dr Rachel Mann. I find meetings on Zoom somewhat user unfriendly and was happy to miss the meeting as it coincided with my Grandson's birthday. The minutes show that there were many questions to the Archdeacon which she answered quite fully.

On 20th April we met at Bishop Bridgeman School and were involved in a presentation by a group of young people who had undertaken some research on "worship in school and church". This was followed by a Model Worship Session led by the Diocesan Children's Officer.

27th June Synod met here at Christ Church and after prayers and the usual formalities we were introduced to "Talkin Tables" by the founder Marjorie Hayward. She had recently returned to

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England after bereavement and was affected by loneliness and isolation. She set up a befriending Club and then in 2021 set up Talkin Tables, a scheme which started in cafes but has since also moved into churches. Each table has a trained leader who watches for new arrivals and advises them which table to go to. She told us that there were 8 groups running in Bolton at the time.

The final meeting of the year was held on 10th October at St Bartholomew's in Westhoughton. The Area Dean led an act of worship and then led a reflection on "Bolton Deanery and the Feeding of the 5,000". This was followed by a presentation from "Safe Families" and "Home for Good". 2 charities which seemed much the same as The Children's Society.

Future meetings in 2025 are on 12th February, 10th May and 24th June.

Christ Church currently has 5 seats on the Deanery Synod, only 1 of which has been filled leaving 4 vacancies. In addition, we have 2 representatives on Diocesan Synod who sit as Ex Officio members of Deanery Synod. If engaging in the Synodical government of the Church is something that you would like to explore, please speak to the Vicar.

Peter Syddall

SAFEGUARDING

There has been a continuing focus for the Safeguarding role this year on keeping required documentation up to date and visible. This includes having a clear safeguarding statement both on the website and on the A Church Near You website, plus phone numbers to report any concerns to. These are in place, though we are aware that our website still needs further attention to make it easier to find policies. The Safeguarding Policy can be found on the website and on the noticeboard inside the Centre, where other policies are also to be seen - Health and Safety, Data and Lone Working.

The Safeguarding Policy and Statement are reviewed annually at the APCM. There is a 'Who's Who of Christ Church?' posted in Church and in the Centre which includes Safeguarding Lead contact details. A file containing the Safeguarding Policy and the Parish Safeguarding Guide is in the office and available for all volunteers to see.

With regard to training, there are five levels, the first three of which are relevant to volunteers here at Christ Church - Basic Awareness, Safeguarding Foundations and Safeguarding Leadership. PCC members are all required to undertake the Basic Awareness training plus have a DBS via the Church. Training for the new PCC members was addressed in 2023 and this is now needed for quite recently joined PCC members.

Basic Awareness training is available to any member of the congregation and anyone who would like to take this up (it takes around 75 minutes and is done online) is very welcome to approach me to find out more.

With regard to DBS requirement, which is now every three years (previously five), this year there will be a need to work on DBS renewals.

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Two safeguarding situations became evident during the year, which were dealt with appropriately and with the confidentiality required.

Holly Bonfield, Safeguarding Officer

CHOIR

The Choir continues to sing at the 9.30. a.m. service and thoroughly enjoys being part of it. They also greatly value the social interaction with the members of the congregation in the Centre afterwards. In addition the lovely service of Evensong is held on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. This quiet dignified service is a gentle end to the day.

We had a Passiontide Devotion on Palm Sunday and sang Compline during Holy Week. The service of Compline is short and peaceful and one that was used to end the day.

The services for Harvest and the Commemoration of the Departed are regular in the calendar of the Choir.

We were delighted to again be part of the Advent Carol service at the Parish Church and enjoyed singing with the augmented choir under the direction of the Choir Master there, Philip O'Connor. We do like being part of the Christmas services and really love watching the Young Church at the Christingle service. We presented our service of Nine Lessons and Carols and appreciated the readers who are part of it.

We are happy to have the help from the younger members of the Choir at the special services but we could do with more members and would very much welcome anyone who feels they would like to be involved in singing with us.

It has been lovely to have Dave as part of our services and we are very grateful for his support. We also thank Rev. David Griffiths for his taking of Evensong.

John F. Balshaw, Organist and Choirmaster

CRÈCHE

The crèche meets in the choir vestry during the 9.30am Family Communion Service and is for children from birth to starting school.

We have a core group of very regular attenders and have been delighted to welcome some new faces during the year as well.

We aim to promote Christian values through play. The children enjoy listening to stories, singing songs, craft activities and playing with the toys. We try to link the activities to bible stories and an appreciation of the world around us, while also providing a welcoming environment for parents to share worries, useful tips and experiences.

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Some of the topics we have covered over the last year include Spring & New Life, Easter, Harvest, Noah's Ark, Thanking God for our Families and Christmas.

Katie Hodgkiss & Katie Dunne

LITTLE FISHES

Little Fishes began in Autumn. There are five leaders in total, all of whom have up-to-date enhanced DBS checks, as per Church of England requirements.

We meet every two months to discuss our programme, which we link very closely to the Liturgy Calendar e.g. Wedding at Cana. Our children are aged 4-6 years old and are delightful.

During Advent we worked closely with the older Young Church members and joined with them in Christmas activities. We also took part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Margaret's and, although we did not win, we were given a certificate for our entry.

Watch this space for 2025.

Revd Deborah Bithell

YOUNG CHURCH

We continue to welcome a large number of children to our Sunday meetings, in which we cover an extensive number of topics since we only have a break during the month of August.

In Lent last year, we set the children and leaders a challenge to learn the Lord's Prayer in sign language, which we then demonstrated on Easter Day to the congregation. Joanna confidently led to this activity and, as the children enjoyed it so much, she is teaching us all sign language to the song that Young Church will sing on Mothering Sunday. Pauline and I find it fairly challenging!

Leading up to Easter, we discussed the events of Holy Week, particularly emphasising the Last Supper to add a greater significance for the children who were to be admitted to communion on Easter Day. Easter Day saw excited children enthusiastically searching for small Easter eggs, which we had hidden in the garden.

Following Easter, the children particularly enjoyed a code cracker quiz based on the story of "Doubting Thomas" as we covered the resurrection accounts. On April 27th, the children were encouraged to remember the words of Jesus spoken to Peter: "Feed my lambs; tend my sheep; feed my sheep."

An original way of introducing Pentecost had the children in fits of laughter as they were asked to create sandwiches using the wrong utensils! The message was to remind them of the various right ways to find God and this was reinforced with a PowerPoint presentation.

The difficult concept of the Trinity was again introduced in a memorable and amusing way using an egg that was separated into the yolk, the egg white and the shell to parallel the three parts of the Trinity. This was demonstrated in church. The children also added to the symbol of the Trinity: they drew a crown to represent God; a cross to represent Jesus, and a dove to represent the Holy Spirit.

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The remainder of the summer term focused on different stories from the New Testament. The children learned the names of the 12 disciples through a lively song; they explored the story of the healing of the 10 lepers and considered how it encouraged us all to remember to thank God, and they found out about the calming of the storm by Jesus as well as the healing of the man who was unable to walk at the pool of Bethesda.

Our contribution to the summer fair was to organise a chocolate tombola, which was very popular!

Following our break in August, we continued to explore the healing miracles of Jesus: the healing of the paralysed man, who was let down through the roof; the story of Jairus' daughter, and the healing of blind Bartimaeus.

To prepare for Harvest, the children learned about the Parable of the Sower, which we presented on Harvest Sunday through a poem as well as the song "It's Harvest Time." Once again, Young Church families generously contributed food for Urban Outreach on Harvest Sunday.

Immediately after this, we answered a request by Christian Aid via Elsie Peel to produce paper doves to encourage all to pray for peace in our world, which were displayed on a gold tree in church. This was an enormous success! A video of the children making the doves and their finished doves was created with the hymn, "Make me a channel of your peace" as a backing track. This was shared on our Facebook page at Christ Church, The Manchester Diocese website, The Christian Aid Facebook page and the Christian Aid website. The representative at Christian Aid was thrilled and admitted to shedding a tear upon watching it. Another brilliant activity - thank you to Joanna.

After this, our preparations for the Christingle service began in earnest and at the service the children sang a lively song by Graham Kendrick, "Glory to God." The children also dramatised a poem and read the lessons. The young leaders led to the prayers. It was another well-attended and atmospheric service.

Throughout the year, we ask our families to donate to the Grub Tub for Urban Outreach. In the Autumn, they helped greatly with the collection of cream crackers for Urban Outreach's "Christmas Dinner on Jesus" appeal and they also gave generously to the Bolton Lions Toy Appeal and to Fortalice. Thank you to all our families and to all in our congregation, who support these appeals.

We work as a united team as Young Church leaders and welcome our teenage helpers whenever they are able to join us. My grateful thanks go to Pauline and Alison and the vicar but especially to Joanna who gives an enormous amount of time to prepare innovative, enjoyable and memorable ways to teach our children on their Christian journey.

Julie Steele

MEN OF CHRIST CHURCH (MCC)

I am pleased to report that the MCC had another active year of events and functions.

Towards the end of my report last year, we were preparing to take on the Coffee Bar duties after the 9.30 a.m. service on Mothering Sunday. Despite protestations about the strength of the coffee, no-one died (!) and my thanks are due to Adam Syddall for his organisation and help on the day.

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Subsequently, at the end of April, together with the Mothers' Union, we jointly invited the vicar to give a talk entitled, 'Half a Life in Ministry'. The event was well attended and the talk was most interesting and full of amusing anecdotes with a number of photos commemorating various memorable occasions.

The next event, in May, was a social drinks evening at Bob's Smithy, which was extremely convivial. The occasion coincided with a regular pub quiz night and we hope to replicate the event this year and submit a team for the quiz.

The social bowls evening was held at Heaton Village Club in the middle of July. Everyone involved felt that it was a great success so we are looking to hold a similar event late June or early July this year and invite other local churches to be involved.

We held our AGM on 19 September, again at Bob's Smithy, at which the members of the committee were re-elected and those who attended had a very pleasant evening.

27 people attended the annual dinner in November, at Bolton Golf Club, the highest number since 2020. The change of venue from the previous year was due to Ridgmont House being under repair and the move turned out to be an inspired decision. The food was excellent, as indeed was the service. Together with a congenial atmosphere and good company, it all made for an excellent evening despite the returning hoodoo of someone receiving a different meal to that which he had ordered!! As a consequence, we are again looking to hold this year's dinner at BGC on Friday 14 November.

On a soggy Saturday morning in November, a small but enthusiastic team of MCC volunteers tackled some of the overgrowth in the CCH gardens and we are hoping this will be a regular event.

The Renewal of Commitment service was held towards the end of January and thanks are due to Revd Dave Thompson for explaining and publicising the role of the MCC.

At the time of writing, we are preparing to stage the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party, held in the Church Centre. Hopefully, it will be as successful as last year's. Many thanks to everyone who helped and, particularly, cleared up afterwards. I would specifically like to thank Adam Syddall for all his efforts in organising such a major event.

We are also preparing to take on the Coffee Bar duties after the 9.30 a.m. service on Mothering Sunday. Once again, many thanks to Adam Syddall for arranging volunteers and to all those who helped on the day.

The committee continues to comprise myself, Adam Syddall as Honorary Secretary, Neville Beech as Honorary Treasurer with Andrew Minors, Carl Stilwell and the Revd Dave Thompson as serving members.

As always, the MCC committee would appreciate any offers from anyone who would like to contribute to the work of the MCC to help maintain and organise our programme of events. At the same time, I would like to offer my thanks, and those of the committee, to everyone quietly fulfilling the many duties and roles without which CCH would not be able to thrive.

David W. Youngman, MCC Chairman

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CHRIST CHURCH PLAYERS

Last year, due to a number of factors we were not able to perform our proposed Murder Mystery play and as a result it was scheduled for February 2025. Therefore as I write our dedicated cast members are hard at work learning their lines for our up and coming performance at the end of the month. By the time this report is published at the ACPM hopefully lots of you reading this will have enjoyed the fruits of their labours. If so then thank you for your support.

In advance though can I, as always, give credit to the large number of people who give of their time to make each performance run smoothly. In particular, Pam and Paul Knight who master mind the ordering, buying, and serving of a delicious meal at all four performances as well as efficiently running the box office; Judith Pearson our ever-patient director; Geoffrey Pearson who every year produces our tickets and programmes and a band of willing volunteers drawn from the congregation and friends who help out selling raffle tickets, making cakes etc without a single complaint. Also crucial are our sponsors who so generously give raffle prizes.

The Players were 'reconstituted' back in 2020 when Jeanne Lonnen produced performances of the JB Priestly play 'When We Were Married'. Since then they have performed every year with the exception 2020 and 2024 and in doing so have raised a considerable amount of money for the benefit of Christ Church as well as enabling a lot of people to have an enjoyable night out. Just how long this tradition will continue will depend on all of you reading this report as we urgently need new people to take up the baton and tread the boards with us. SO, if anyone out there fancies being part of a warm and welcoming group and enjoying the fun of rehearsals not to mention performances then please do speak to any of the cast members.

Brenda Griffiths, Chair

LUNCHEON CLUB

Our Luncheon Club has continued to thrive, with an average of 40 members attending each month. As always, numbers do fluctuate, depending on the weather and members' health. We are an outreach Club, drawing the majority of our members from the local community, as well as from our own Church. It is always uplifting to see everyone enjoying themselves, with good food and fellowship. We have welcomed some new members, both from Christ Church and friends of existing members. I always try to encourage our Committee to recruit new people to join us, as sadly we have lost quite a few of our long standing members. Our charge still remains at five pounds, which it has for many years - great value considering it includes homemade soup with bread (in the summer months a ham salad), different puddings, cheese and biscuits and tea/coffee, followed by many different types of entertaining speakers. Any food we have over we distribute to members who are ill or housebound, which is always appreciated. We did not get off to a good start in January, as we had to cancel our meeting due to adverse weather conditions - snow! Our speaker was to have been Cath Cole from our Church but she is now booked in for later in 2025. Then in February, a most interesting speaker came to tell us of his days as a Customs Officer, covering many amusing incidents from his career. The following month in March we had our 'old favourites' Anne and Gordon Sharpe (Spellbound Productions) who have been coming for many years. Their film shows are always very professional, with excellent commentary from Gordon and their show this time finished on a high with their trip to Venice at carnival time - superb! They are a very talented and generous couple. Part of their fee goes to charity and they always donate one of their DVDs to our raffle, for which we are very grateful.

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Our next speaker in April was another return visit from Steve Williams, who always researches his topics thoroughly. This time it was 'Lancashire Lasses' and his talk brought back memories for many of our members, as he spoke about Gracie Fields, Bessie Braddock and Thora Hird to mention just a few. Then in May, our speaker was Sue Holden whose talk was entitled 'Bringing Law to Life with Laughter'. As the title suggests, this was an amusing take on her life as a solicitor. Next in June, we had Jackie Mafi giving us a most interesting talk entitled 'Every Photograph Tells a Story' - again well-rehearsed and entertaining.

When we recommenced in September, after the summer break, we were entertained brilliantly by Mr Roger Browne with his talk 'The Great American Song Book'. He played the piano superbly, singing many well-known American songs. He was a real hit with our members and we shall be having a return visit by him in 2025.

Unfortunately in October our speaker was taken ill but I managed to get Norman Nuttall along to tell many great anecdotes about life in the 1940's and 1950's - lots of fun and laughter! Again in November our original speaker had to cancel at the last minute due to illness but fortunately, as he has done previously, David Lloyd stepped into the breach, with his slide presentation about old Bolton and its shops. As always, he'd done so much fascinating research into Bolton's history. David is always a popular speaker and has helped us out previously at the last minute, for which we are most grateful to him.

As in 2023, our Christmas entertainment was provided by some very talented children from St Peter's Smithills Deane School. This was the highlight of our year - the children sang so beautifully and enthusiastically. Thanks to both Joanna Steele and Adele Whittingham for all the time and dedication they must have put in to produce a wonderful performance from their young children. We look forward to them coming back again in 2025.

As always, my thanks to all those who help to make our Luncheon Club so enjoyable and successful. We have been in existence now for over thirty years and this would not have been the case if it weren't for the dedicated help and support from all our volunteer helpers, who give up their time and expertise making the soups and puddings. Also my thanks must go to those who work in the kitchen, serving, clearing away and washing up, which is all essential to the smooth running of the Club. Katie Hodgkiss has joined our team and helps immensely with setting up the room beforehand and also in the kitchen. We are very grateful to her, as this is an enormous help.

There has been a change in our small Committee, with Pam Hodson resigning as Treasurer due to family commitments. She has been an excellent and efficient Treasurer over the years and we are very grateful to her for all her dedication to our Club. Fortunately however, John Balshaw has taken over her role and we are very grateful to him - I know our funds will be in safe hands with him. My husband Mike has now been put in charge of the raffle, as John did this previously. Also, a huge thank you once again to Steph, who as always oversees all the food and organises the kitchen so efficiently and cheerfully, as well as doing much shopping for our food supplies.

Thanks also once again to Committee member Janet Balshaw who is in charge of the soup - it always goes down well. Janet is also now sending Christmas cards to each member and I do the birthday cards - Pam used to do both of these tasks. We appreciate the work which Bev Hodgkiss has been doing in the kitchen each month and in view of this we have included her on our small Committee, as we have Michael Cull. It's also been nice to have the Reverend Alan Pierce doing the grace before we eat - thanks Alan.

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Finally, a huge thank you to all the hardworking Committee members and helpers for their loyal assistance and support throughout the year. Without all of these people, Luncheon Club would not be able to function successfully and give our members such a lot of pleasure.

Pauline Cull, Luncheon Club Leader

THURSDAY CUBS

The Thursday cubs have had a full year of activities with numbers steady around the 21 mark, this is our preferred number to run with so we can run 3 sixes, and things can get a little chaotic once we go in excess of this number. Pack mix we have 17 boys and 4 girls.

Concerns around attendance and cubs not attending meetings, activities/events. There is a lot of work involved in planning our programme, so it can be disheartening when we've organised an activity or event and we get significant numbers dropping out. Given size of our waiting list this means there may be kids missing out who would attend every week. We plan to address this by engaging with parents more before their child joins so they are aware of the voluntary nature of what we do, the effort we put in and expectations on attendance and support.

Thursday Cubs have had another fun filled year as we seek to actively support our young people in their personal development and empower them to make a positive contribution to society. To support this, we've continued our ethos of getting the cubs out and about as much as possible with a programme of activities based on tried and tested favourites mixed with newer activities.

Too many activities to run through in detail but Christmas Panto - Dick Whittington at Bolton Little Theatre, we didn't know what to expect with Am dram, but it was a really good night with lots of fun and jokes. We enjoyed it that much that much that this Dec the District have adopted it as one of their chosen events so we'll be attending again next week to watch Robin Hood.

Early in the year we did our Aircraft Activities badge, which involved making up and painting airfix kits of spitfires, a fiddly few weeks of patience testing but the final results were surprisingly good. In February we completed a Night Hike, to raise money for Bolton Mountain Rescue, conditions were very foggy and it was good to have the support of BMR on the moors as a check point and give the Cubs hot drinks.

During summer we took part in Tracking, A-Z Challenge on Doffcocker lodge, Orienteering up at Leverhulme Park, Dam building, Firelighting and Sausage sizzle as well a visit to Smithills open farm where Farmer Bruce showed off his tractor driving skills.

Our annual summer camp is the highlight of year, giving the cubs the opportunity to sleep outside in tents for two nights and work more closely together on activities and challenges. Our Summer camp this year was a joint camp with Wednesday Cubs at Waddecarr nr Preston, All the cubs camped out usual and completed a range of activities including Fire lighting, hiking, water rockets, obstacle course, crate stacking plus air rifle shooting and Archery. We even managed to squeeze in the England Switzerland quarter final game - with an the exciting penalty shoot out and lots of singing 'Football coming home' - unfortunately it didn't!

Autumn term saw us complete the Disability Awareness badge, we had a night of mobility aids and challenges kindly provided by Marie, we also had a had visit from the guide Dogs which we followed up a couple of weeks ago with a fundraising hike.

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We continue to try and keep the dying art of conkers alive and held our annual conker contest, with full risk assessments, in early October

The district held a Navigation Activity Fun day At Bibby's farm in October which was well attended by Thursday Cubs and very muddy.

The recent group bonfire was well attended by all sections and enjoyed by all, with another safe and fun-filled night of activities such as apple bobbing, mummy wrap, bonfire sing-song, guy building & burning and a great firework display - thanks to our parents for their kind donations of fireworks. In December the Cubs worked hard to complete the entertainers badge by putting on a Christmas show of fun Skits and Sketches, attended by the parents.

Support at District level isn't the best, with no official ADC Cubs we pull together as leaders to try and organise at least a couple of joint activities during the year.

Finally, a massive thanks to our leaders, Bruce Horrocks, Stuart Horrocks and Dan Barber as well as our adult and parent helpers, Caitlyn Horrocks, Anis Patel and Ken Gilkes without whose help running such a varied and interesting programme would not be possible.

Neil Rothwell

WEDNESDAY CUBS

During 2024 we were at around 20-23 Cubs with just as many girls as boys for the majority of the year. We enjoyed lots of the traditional Scouting activities such as fire lighting and pioneering where we made chariots for racing. As well as our usual meetings we had a variety of people and organisations coming in to us to teach us new skills- this included a local charity who showed us how to maintain and do safety checks on our bikes. We went out on a bat walk using specialist equipment to track them, we visited the Fire Station much to delight of all the Cubs they were allowed to use the hoses and see the ladder at its highest. We have taken part in district events such as a hike at Bibby's farm with activities along the way. At Group level we have been on Camp with our Thursday Cubs over the summer to Waddacar and taken part in activities with our Beavers and Scouts, including our fabulous Group Bonfire Evening. To end the year we held our very own Christmas Fair to raise vital funds for Bolton Hospice for one of our challenge badges, a great time was had by all and we raised over £400.

Marie Armour

17TH BOLTON SCOUTS

Over the past year, our Scout troop has grown from 12 to 23 Scouts, marking a 92% increase in membership. This expansion reflects our efforts in recruitment, retention, and providing an engaging program. Our activities, including hikes, orienteering, camping, and partnerships with local clubs such as Bolton Amateur Radio Society, Salford Astronomical Society, Go Outdoors, and Warhammer, have significantly enriched the scouting experience, fostering personal growth and leadership skills among our members.

We have also made strides in leadership development by adding an adult leader to support our expanding troop. Through regular evaluations, data analysis, and feedback from Scouts, parents,

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and leaders, we have identified areas for improvement and opportunities for further growth. The inclusion of more female Scouts has strengthened our commitment to inclusivity and diversity within the troop.

Looking ahead, we aim to continue increasing membership, expanding community partnerships, and enhancing leadership training. With the ongoing support of our church community, we will ensure that our Scouts benefit from a meaningful, enriching, and well-supported program that prepares them for future success. Thank you for your continued encouragement and dedication to our mission.

Hareth Al-Obaidi

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union theme for 2024 continued with "Transformation - now!". The aim of this theme was to allow us to transform ourselves, personally and spiritually, to live out our faith, transform the churches and communities we work with and to transform Mothers' Union to be relevant for 21st century life. Unfortunately, we are still struggling with our own MU branch here at Christ Church and continue, at least for now, as a relatively dormant branch with no active committee and no ongoing fundraising activities. We have been greatly encouraged by a number of new members in recent years including transfers from other branches and previously lapsed members, however, we do hope that we can continue to push the recruitment of new members and form a committee or decision making group; something that we have not done much of as a branch for a very long time.

We were very sad to lose some of our members during 2024. We thank God for their commitment to Mothers' Union and for all that they were able to offer throughout their years of membership. We would particularly like to mention here Sue Critchley and offer our special thanks for her many years of unwavering service, right until the very end.

Prayer: "Loving Lord, who wipes away every tear from our eye, draw near to those who grieve and mourn the loss of that which is dear. In the midst of sorrow be their comfort, in the place of sadness be their hope. Amen."

We are pleased to be able to continue to assist with Baptisms and the purchase of the Baptism books given to each family. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Clare King who continues her role as Baptism Coordinator and we would also like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers on the rota. We are also hugely grateful to Margaret Goudge in her position as Deanery Correspondent and to Lynne Fisher who continues in her communications and branch member liaison role. Thank you.

The triennial theme for 2025-2027 has been agreed as "Join Us, Join In!". As we move now towards a very exciting period when we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Mothers' Union in Britain, we have the opportunity to tell our great story to those outside the movement - and invite them to become part of our family. It is hoped that over the next three years, there will be opportunities through celebratory activities to honour the past and reflect both on our individual branch here at Christ Church Heaton, our history and key milestones as well as celebrating the heritage of Mothers' Union as a whole. However, the main focus will be the future of MU in the 21st century and what lies in front of us. To keep going, and to thrive, MU needs more members at grassroots/branch level, helping local families and the vulnerable in their communities. So will you join us and join in? We hope so!

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The Mary Sumner Prayer: *All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen.*

Ruth Syddall, Treasurer



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH HEATON

Registered Charity No 1132861

Financial Statements for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>TOTAL 2024</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>		<u>2023</u>
Note		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments:						
Voluntary income	2{a}	68,270	540	0	68810	81,299
Church activities	2{b}	17,508	0	0	17508	10,975
Activities for generating funds	2{c}	1,656	0	0	1656	6,985
Investment income	2{d}	22,771	0	0	22771	16,140
Other incoming resources		0	6,670	0	6670	0
Total Income		110,205	7,210	0	117,415	115,399
Expenditure:						
Church activities	3{a}	107,469	0	0	107,469	118,032
Raising funds	3{b}	132	0	0	132	314
Support costs	3{c}	2,552	0	0	2,552	2,206
Capital expenditure	3{d}	5,893	6,670	0	12,563	9,211
Extraordinary item (Rtn part grant)		0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure		116046	6,670	0	122,716	129,763
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		-5,841	540	0	-5,301	-14,364
Net gains/(losses) on investments		0	0	0	0	0
Net income/(expenditure)		-5,841	540	0	-5,301	-14,364
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0
Other recognised gains/(losses):**		0	0	0	0	65,000
Net movement in funds		-5,841	540	0	-5,301	50,636
Total funds brought forward		474,503	4,194	0	478,697	428,061
Total funds carried forward		468,662	4,734	0	473,395	478,697

** See note 1.2 pg 11

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Balance sheet as at 31st December 2024

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total this</u>	<u>Total last</u>
	<u>funds</u>	<u>income</u>	<u>funds</u>	<u>year</u>	<u>year</u>
	£	£	£	£	£

Fixed assets

Investment Property	(Note 1.2)	404,900	-	-	404,900	404,900
Total fixed assets		404,900	-	-	404,900	404,900

Current assets

Stocks		-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 6)	12,748	-	-	12,748	14,671
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	(Note 8)	72,460	4,734	-	77,194	92,386
Total current assets		85,208	4,734	-	89,942	107,058

Current Liabilities

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 7)	21,447	-	-	21,447	33,261
Net current assets/(liabilities)		63,761	4,734	-	68,495	73,797
Total net assets/(liabilities)		468,661	4,734	-	473,395	478,697

Represented by:

Funds of the Church (Note 9)

Restricted income funds	-	4,734	-	4,734	4,194
Unrestricted funds	468,662	-	-	468,662	474,503
Revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	468,662	4,734	-	473,395	478,697

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Chairman

Andrew Minors
Honorary Treasurer

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

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 main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

General Funds

These represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Designated Funds

These are Funds designated for particular purposes by the PCC and are also unrestricted as the PCC can reassign those monies if it so desires.

Restricted Funds

These can only be used for their stated purpose(s).

The Church has the following specific funds -

Church Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Funds

To provide funds for the maintenance of the Church and its environs without recourse to realising fixed assets and to enable such maintenance to be undertaken at short notice.

Organ and Choir Funds

To provide funds for the maintenance of the Organ and support of the Choir.

A transfer from the General Fund can be made in lieu of the organists Honorarium subject to annual review

PCC Property Funds

To provide funds for the maintenance of the properties at Welbeck Rd and Markland Hill.

Church Organisations Fund

To provide funds for setting up new church organisations

Special Projects Fund

To provide funds for such individual projects as PCC decides

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on gift aided donations is recognised when the donation is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation of the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The parish share or diocesan quota is accounted for when paid. Any share unpaid is not accrued at the year end (unless a balance payment has been committed by the PCC) as no legal liability exists.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure on purchase.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £4,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Fixed Assets
Investment Property

	39 Welbeck Rd Heaton £	112 Markland Hill Heaton £	Total £
Value B/Fwd	169950	134950	304900
Revaluation increase 2023	50000	15000	65000
Improvements 2023	0	35000	35000
Value C/Fwd	219950	184950	404900

Basis of Valuation

The brought forward property values are in accordance with Bairstow Eves marketing reports dated 28 February 2007.

Movable Church Furnishings

These are vested in the Church wardens on behalf of the PCC. They cannot be disposed of without a faculty and therefore no value is assigned to them. Expenditure on additions to such inalienable assets is written off on purchase

Land at Scout Hut, Markland Hill, Bolton

The land on which the Scout Hut was built was leased to the 17th Bolton (Christ Church Heaton) Scout group on 31 December 1963 for 25 years at a rent of One Shilling per Annum. This was renewed with effect from 25 December 1988 for a further 25 years then by counterpart lease dated 21st December 1994. As disposal of this asset is not possible for the foreseeable future, and income is effectively NIL, no value has been assigned to this property in the accounts accounts. The Scout Hut itself is not owned by the Church

2 Income and Endowments

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Endowment</u> <u>funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>TOTAL 2024</u> <u>£</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>2023</u> <u>£</u>
2{a} Voluntary income					
Gift Aided Planned Giving	40,952	-	-	40,952	42,269
Other Planned Giving	1,734	-	-	1,734	2,009
Collections at services	12,163	-	-	12,163	9,479
Gift Aid Recovered	12,000	-	-	12,000	14,000
Legacies				-	11,000
Other	1,421	7,210	-	8,631	2,542
Total	68,270	7,210	-	75,480	81,299
2{b} Church activities:					
PCC Fees (Weddings & funerals etc)	5,105	-	-	5,105	3,331
Parish Magazine (Sales)	-	-	-	-	-
Church Centre lettings	12,403	-	-	12,403	7,644
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	17,508	-	-	17,508	10,975
2{c} Activities for generating funds:					
Magazine (Advertising)	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	1,656	-	-	1,656	6,985
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,656	-	-	1,656	6,985
2{d} Income from investments:					
Bank and CCLA interest	2,729	-	-	2,729	4,521
Dividend on CCLA Funds	73	-	-	73	70
Rental income from houses	19,968	-	-	19,968	11,550
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	22,771	-	-	22,771	16,140
TOTAL INCOME	110,205	7,210	-	117,415	115,399

Other information:

All income in the year, with exception of donations towards defibrillator and new chairs for centre was unrestricted

3 Expenditure

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Endowment</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>2024</u> £	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>2023</u> £
3{a} Church Activities					
Donations to outside organisations	0	0	0	0	0
Diocesan Parish Share	48,000	0	0	48,000	50,000
Clergy Working expenses	1,427	0	0	1,427	1,296
Vicarage/other ministry expenses	4,060	0	0	4,060	4,069
Salaries & wages	7,360	0	0	7,360	6,614
Miscellaneous	310	0	0	310	986
	61,156	0	0	61,156	62,965
Church Running Costs					
Church running expenses	19,883	0	0	19,883	15,745
Church utility costs	9,519	0	0	9,519	18,052
Upkeep of services	166	0	0	166	387
Upkeep of churchyard	2,832	0	0	2,832	2,568
Parish Centre running costs	7,902	0	0	7,902	12,106
PCC property costs	4,129	0	0	4,129	4,231
Magazine costs	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of church administration	923	0	0	923	1,076
Organ & Choir costs	958	0	0	958	900
	46,313	0	0	46,313	55,066
3{b} Raising funds					
Fundraising/Stewardship (envelopes)	132	0	0	132	314
	132	0	0	132	314
3{c} Support Costs					
Independent Examiner	100	0	0	100	100
Professional Fees	2,143	0	0	2,143	1,752
Payroll Services	309	0	0	309	354
Total Support Costs	2,552	0	0	2,552	2,206
Total General Expenditure	110,154	0	0	110,154	120,551
3{d} Capital Expenditure					
Church buildings	3,606	6,670	0	10,276	3,612
PCC Properties	2,286	0	0	2,286	5,599
Total Capital Expenditure	5,893	6,670	0	12,563	9,211

TOTAL OF ALL EXPENDITURE	116,046	6,670	0	122,716	129,762
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4. Funds received as agent

<u>Description/name of party</u>	<u>Related party (Yes or No)</u>	<u>Amount received</u>		<u>Amount paid out</u>	
		<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Childrens Society	No	273	236	273	236
Christian Aid	No	1,078	-	1,078	-
Total		1,351	236	1,351	236

5. Paid employees

5.1 Staff Costs

	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Salaries and wages*	7,360	6,614
Social security costs	-	-
Unfunded Apparitor	-	-
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	-	-
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	7,360	6,614

*Parish Administrator

5.2 Average head count in the year

		<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
		<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>
The parts of the charity in which the employees work	Administration	1	1
Total		1	1

5.3 No Honorarium payments were paid to Apparitors from General Funds
There were no ex-gratia payments to employees or others

6. Debtors and prepayments

<u>Analysis of debtors</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	711
Prepayments and accrued income	-	2,069
Tax recoverable under Gift Aid	12,748	11,892
Total	12,748	14,671

7. Creditors and accruals

<u>Analysis of creditors</u>	<u>Amounts falling due within 1 year</u>	
	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-
Trade creditors	580	3,861
Accruals and deferred income	20,867	29,400
Total	21,447	33,261

8. Cash at bank and in hand

	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
	£	£
Short term deposits	46,019	75,942
Cash at bank and on hand	31,175	16,444
Other	-	-
Total	77,194	92,386

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST
CHURCH, HEATON**

I report on the accounts of the parish of Christ Church, Heaton for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC 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 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.

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 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Name: Kathryn Hodgkiss FCA Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW
Address: J F Balshaw & Co, 20 Old Kiln Lane, Heaton, Bolton. BL1 5PD Date: 4th March, 2025

