

2024 Annual Report



Parish of Forest Row

A Growing Family : Proclaiming the Gospel :
For the Kingdom, the Church and the World

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Forest Row for the year ended 31 December 2024

Holy Trinity Church, Forest Row
St Dunstan's Church, Ashurst Wood
St Stephen's Church, Hammerwood (Closed)
Registered Charity no. 1132867

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FOREST ROW TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024



OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY



The primary objective of the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Forest Row (hereafter Forest Row PCC or the PCC) is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. In meeting this objective, the PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting, in the parish, the whole mission of the church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

In order to focus our thinking on this question, we had an away day during September, kindly hosted by St Andrew's Church in Crawley. During this day we made the following key decisions:

- To adopt a new strategy/vision statement: "A growing family; Proclaiming the gospel; for the Kingdom, the church and the world"
- To restructure our working around a teams approach, with each of the teams a subcommittee of the PCC, sitting under one of the headings above.
- Disbanding the DCCs, to enable this new way of working
- To begin to focus our ministry more towards children, families and young people
- To focus on preparing for growth, ensuring correct structures, policies and processes are in place, ready for our growth.

WHAT WE ACHIEVED, AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

This is largely outlined in the reports that follow. Highlights include, the start of our new toddler group at Holy Trinity, which is framed around a small, age-appropriate act of worship, the growth in number and holiness we are beginning to see in our services and our successful 'season of invitation'. The season of invitation included our Festival of Remembrance, attended by HM Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex, and the Christmas services, where nearly 700 people attended worship over the festive period.

Perhaps the most profound ways in which we have impacted the lives of beneficiaries include our pastoral care to those who have lost loved ones, and the joyous welcome we have offered to those coming forward for baptism. In all these things, we give thanks to almighty God for the grace he has given us to serve our communities, to him be all glory.





Thanking our volunteers for their contributions to our parish life.

The community cafe at St Dunstan's continued its important work serving our community; a packed out Christmas lunch was a highlight.



The Christmas tree festival invited contributions and visitors from all sections of our wonderful community





One of our most widely seen acts of service to our community is our marking of the remembrance season. It was a particular privilege to welcome HM Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex this year for our first festival of remembrance.



Vicar's Report

"ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers."

On the 1st of June I was installed and instituted as vicar of Forest Row, to serve the villages of Forest Row, Ashurst Wood and Hammerwood, and what an amazing service it was! I was so grateful that my family and I had already been made so welcome, and with the church full to bursting, it was a huge encouragement to me, to visiting clergy, and to us as a parish; what a way to start a new chapter! The parish profile, which the PCC published as it sought a new vicar, said that: "We believe that God is opening for us a fresh and exciting path to travel with our new vicar, both in congregational and community life. We want to look forward, not backwards. We recognize that at the heart of our faith is openness to change." In that spirit, we began our pilgrimage together, vicar and people, and what an exciting start the last few months have been.

It would not be right to continue reflecting on the latter half of 2024 without acknowledging the death of my father, just 2 weeks into my ministry here. I was so proud that he, along with many others, got to witness my licensing, and I was so moved by the kindness and support shown me, as I travelled back and forth from Cornwall to attend to arrangements. This might seem an odd inclusion, but to me it speaks of the kind of parish and church family that we are, one characterised by the love which Jesus prayed for (John 13:25).

As the summer continued, I had the joy of getting to know many people, both within our church communities, but also in our wider communities, including our schools. Our villages are wonderful places, with wonderful people. Yet often too hidden is the real rural deprivation of some within our communities and so I was pleased to learn of the Spencer Hooker Charity, and become its new chairman, as all my predecessors have done since the charity's foundation.

Our away day was a wonderful time to reflect and dream big dreams for the future. As we did so, we became aware of the need to restructure our administration to better meet our vision, aims and needs. As such we have moved to having a facilities manager to oversee our buildings and their use, and a PA to the vicar. In moving to this new structure, I pay tribute to all who have worked in our administration over the years, not least Saskia, who did so much to support the parish through both the pandemic and the interregnum.

We took the decision, during the autumn term, to have a preaching series called 'season of invitation'. This allowed us to focus on the many ways in which God invites us to join in with his work, but also a chance to reflect on how we might invite people to know, love and follow Jesus for themselves. The PCC planned a series of events over three key invitational opportunities: Harvest, Remembrance, and Christmas. These outreach initiatives saw a good number of folk engage with us as a church, and have led to a deepening in positive relationships, including people returning to church.

It would not be possible to proceed without reflecting, with joy, on the various opportunities which we provide for children and young people. Starting Trinity Tots, our toddler group and service at Holy Trinity, was a passion of mine, and I'm grateful to the volunteers who help and support that running, and to the those who generously gave so that we could buy new toys, storage and snacks for the children. This stands alongside the play café at St Dunstan's, and our Sunday school provision at Holy Trinity; but this is only the start of what we have planned!

There is always more that could be said, but I leave that to the writers of other reports. I finish by thanking all those who have supported our common life together. My heartfelt thanks to our Churchwardens, for all their work; to their deputies and for all the PCC for their tireless support and work which enables us to focus on proclaiming the gospel and become a growing family. This report also highlights the unstinting work of our Treasurer and his assistant, our thanks to them for ensuring we have the necessary funds to carry out our mission, and that they are attended to with due stewardship and care.

To all those who serve on a rota, come faithfully to church, promote our activities, or who share the good news about Jesus by their life and work, thank you. Our work begun together, let us now look to the future with hope, as we trust God for His provision, for the growth of His kingdom, and for all the blessings which only He can give. With my thanks, and the assurance of my prayers for you all.

With every blessing,

Jamie



STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHARITY

Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The parish has adopted a Constitution which is subject to the provisions of the Church Representation Rules and the Churchwardens Measure 2001.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent: The Rev'd Jamie Gater (from June 2024) Chairman
Wardens: Simon Morris, Vice Chairman
June Spoor (until December 2024)
Peter Bramley (from January 2025)

Elected Members: Julie Brown (until 2026)
Brenda Evans (until 2026)
Jeremy Kirk (until 2026)
Keith Major (until 2026)
Julie Martin (until 2026)
Sue Rolley (until 2027)
Keith Stacey (until 2026)
Sue Walter (until 2026)
4 vacancies

PCC Secretary: Saskia Schuit (Until October 2024)
Vacant* (From Oct 2024)
Deanery Synod: Timothy Leeney (until December 2024)
Keith Major
1 vacancy

*During the vacancy, Wendy Stacey has been Minute Secretary to the PCC

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for a three year term and retire in thirds.

Following the APCM in May there remained vacancies for four members of the Holy Trinity congregation. Members of the congregation are warmly encouraged to consider standing for election to the PCC. We try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

The PCC met six times during the year. The Standing Committee took decisions between meetings. These were generally on matters of a non-contentious nature and the decisions were subsequently endorsed by the PCC. There is no separate Finance Committee, but details of receipts and payments, budgets and other financial data are regularly reported to the PCC.

PCC Standing Committee

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, this is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the full PCC. The members are currently The Rev'd Jamie Gater, The Church Wardens, The Assistant Treasurer (deputising for the PCC Treasurer), Keith Major and (until the end of December) Tim Leeney. At the discretion of the committee, the Deputy Wardens have been invited to contribute (not vote) at meetings on an ad hoc basis.

Other Committees

In addition to the statutory committee, as outlined above, the PCC have established the following committees in order to assist them in their mission and to meet their charitable objectives.

Fabric and Buildings

In order to assist the Vicar and wider PCC with the necessary works which have needed to be undertaken to maintain the buildings, a sub committee has been created consisting in: The Vicar, The Church Wardens and Jeremy Kirk. To assist them, Graham Bedford has offered support in relation to heating and the care of St Stephen's. In order to assist with fundraising, Patrick Crawford (Grants Officer), and Keith Stacey (Assistant Treasurer) have joined the committee to aid them, particularly in relation to grants.

Finance

The finance of the parish is the responsibility of the whole PCC. To assist them, the new PCC Treasurer, Mr Julian Hills, and the Assistant Treasurer meet regularly with the Vicar to discuss matters of strategic importance. The committee is sometimes constituted as a Grants and Fundraising Committee, and in this instance Jeremy and Patrick, as listed above, join the committee when appropriate.

Leadership (Strategy and Vision)

The strategic vision of the parish is held principally by the Vicar, with authority delegated to him by the Bishop. In order to support and assist the Vicar, the Leadership Team consists of the Vicar, Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwardens, who meet regularly to discuss matters of importance to the life and ministry of the parish family. The Vicar also meets very regularly with the Churchwardens alone, in order to maintain and develop a shared vision for the parish.

Eco Church

The Eco Church Group is a subcommittee of the PCC with responsibility to help the PCC in relation to matters of climate and ecology. The committee assists the PCC in working towards the Gold Eco Church Award, assists the wider congregation in being aware of ecological issues, and assists the Vicar in maintaining and developing up to date teaching, learning and prayer on this issue. The committee works with the Vicar to ensure that the church has a distinct Christian voice on issues of climate.

Halls Management

We currently make good use of some of our spaces, in terms of hiring them for appropriate community use, although there is more that could be done. The Halls Management Committee consists of the Vicar, Facilities Manager, and other members of the PCC. They liaise with hall users, monitor health and safety compliance, plan for the upkeep and development of our spaces, and own the hire policy, ensuring that any hiring is in line with our charitable aims, as set out above.

Ministry Team

The Ministry Team consists of the vicar, any licenced or authorised clergy working in the parish, and any authorised lay minsters. They meet for mutual support, to pray together, and to ensure a shared sense of vision. The parish Director of Music also sits on this committee to ensure joined up approaches to liturgy and worship.



Trustees' Responsibilities

Under the Charities Act 2011 the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year. This gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of the incoming resources and application of resources in the year. In preparing the statement, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the statement of accounts.
- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity at that time and enable the trustees to ensure that any statement of accounts prepared by them complies with the regulations under section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are in the process of considering the risks to which the charity is exposed and will establish systems to mitigate those risks.

Statement as to disclosure of information to independent examiners

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant independent review information of which the charity's independent examiners are unaware, and the trustees will be taking all the steps that they ought to take as trustees in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant independent review information and to establish that the charity's independent examiners are aware of that information.

Other Matters

The District Church Councils which have operated at each church with delegated authority to deal with some aspects of worship, mission and the maintenance of the fabric of the buildings are in the process of being disbanded. Their functions will be undertaken by the PCC.

This Trustees Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Jamie Gater, PCC Chairman

Signed: 

Date: 13/4/25

Further Reports

To bring clarity of focus and purpose to the work of the PCC, it has been decided to group together reports according to our three strategic priorities.

A Growing Family

Schools

As the diocesan youth, children and families strategy officer for half the week, it will be unsurprising to learn that work in schools is a passion of mine and an imperative in our service to the community in which we live. We have strengthening relationships with three of our schools; Brambletye, Ashurst Wood Primary and Forest Row CE Primary and Nursery. I am a governor at the latter two. Currently we attend Brambletye on an ad hoc basis, including requests from them for our wider community to take advantage of their performing arts work. Collective worship is led by me in both of our primary schools and this is supplemented by our 'Open the Book' team, who attend Ashurst Wood once a half term.

Excitingly, we have been able to extend an invitation at harvest and Christmas for both primary schools to hold Christmas services in church, and the vicar joined the vicar of East Grinstead to help celebrate the Brambletye Carol service at St Swithun's. Going forward Forest Row school are looking for their eco school group to link up with our eco church group, and this promises to be an exciting community link for our parish family. If you'd like to support either of our schools by volunteering your time, please do speak to me.

The Rev'd Jamie Gater

Play Café

In 2024 we welcomed 39 different families with 49 children into St Dunstan's. We are open on Friday mornings from 9 until 11 in West Sussex term time and provide hot drinks, biscuits and baby snacks, with plenty of toys, books, puzzles and activities in an informal, warm and friendly environment. We highlight Church events and Services suitable for young children and have consequently seen some of our children attend these.

Helen, Julie, Brenda, Chris and Jean



Trinity Tots

In September, we were able to launch Trinity Tots, thanks to some generous giving which enabled us to buy the equipment and toys we needed. A small team of volunteers regularly support me with this important ministry, and we are grateful to Anna Dance, from St Andrew's Church in Crawley, who is helping us to live out our church partnership by taking over the leadership of this group from the New year. Our numbers vary, as this is still a new group, but we have around 20 families on the books. Our sessions always end with a time of worship which includes a bible story, a prayer, and some singing.

The Rev'd Jamie Gater

Safeguarding

We continue to update various members of our congregations with their D.B.S. renewal. Some members of the PCC plus others, have completed online Safeguarding training, so we are able to continue with Trinity Tots, Open the Book, Play Café, Little Seedlings and taking Holy Communion to the housebound, therefore extending our outreach to the wider community. There are various items in both churches, with contact details of who and where to contact, if there are concerns of abuse in children or vulnerable adults.

Marilyn Morris

Electoral Roll

The number of people on the Electoral Roll as reported to the APCM last year was 96 (64 at Holy Trinity and 32 at St Dunstan's). There were a few changes after this and the number at the end of the year was 99 (64 at Holy Trinity and 35 at St Dunstan's).

Wendy Stacey



Proclaiming the Gospel

Strategy & Vision

Our strategy and vision team, was newly created as a result of our away day. It consists of the Vicar, and other parish clergy, the Churchwardens and their deputies. Together this team has responsibility for the strategic priorities of the parish, ensuring that executive decisions are given operational effect.

This team held an away day in the new year, and have established clear priorities for the year ahead. They, with the wider standing committee, have begun to set PCC agendas to ensure focus on strategic policies, and they continue to hold and manage staffing decisions with the vicar.

The Strategy and Vision Team are keen to see appropriate training opportunities be taken up by members of the parish family, and as a result, 3 members of the congregation have been identified to train as Authorised Lay Ministers, one of whom will join the ministry team which is due to be formed in 2025.

Parish development has continued, as will be seen across this report, and I am pleased that there is a growing focus on our ministry to Children, Families and Young People, which we will be seeking to expand and develop through 2025 into 2026. The structures of the parish, including the disbanding of the DCCs to allow more efficient administration, are now better suited to enable us to focus on growth.

The Rev'd Jamie Gater

Communications

A new communications team is slowly coalescing and is looking to improve the ways in which we communicate with those who attend church, as well as those who don't yet. We intend to consider ways to extend the reach of the parish magazine, including expanding the range of content. We also feel it is time to improve the website as the 'front door' for many seeking to learn about us. Additionally, we are thinking about ways to engage with social media, and whether we might start using video media more, as a more direct means of communication.

The Rev'd Jamie Gater

Worship and Liturgy

2024 continued with the Interregnum and again we are extremely grateful to all the clergy who kindly led our worship and gave their time to our Parish. All the major festivals were celebrated, although some were moved to the nearest Sunday, i.e. Epiphany, Candlemas, Ascension and All Saints'. Through the year we continued our pattern of 8am and 10am services alternating between Holy Trinity and St Dunstan's. Our Worship Group continued to lead occasional services. These have been warmly received, leading a pre Lent, Eco Group, St Peter and Harvest services. There have been two occasions during the year when the Churchwardens led Morning Prayer. We have been pleased to have two Baptisms in the main Parish Communion welcoming children and babies into the Christian family.

During the year 'ecumenically' The 'World Day of Prayer' took place in March at the Baptist Church, the annual 'Walk of Witness' from Holy Trinity to the Baptist Church took place on Good Friday, the Remembrance Sunday service took place at Holy Trinity in November and Advent Sunday was celebrated with a Parish Communion at St Dunstan's.

I am pleased to say we have 10 members of the Choir who regularly sing for all services at Holy Trinity. Sadly, in the latter part of the year, Jean Curran and Tim Leeney died who will both be sadly missed. It was lovely to have a few past members of the Choir come back to sing at both funerals. Although small in number, we have continued to sing anthems at the majority of our services and manage to recruit one or two extras for special occasions. During late April, May and June the Choir were joined to make the Festival Choir, leading to our annual Charity Concert, which was a great success raising over £1,000 on the night. We completed the year by leading the Parish Carol Service which was a wonderful evening, ending our Christmas Tree Festival.

My grateful thanks for the support I have been given by all the congregation, not forgetting the Choir, who give such a commitment, throughout the year. At both churches, my thanks to Nicholas Smith, Chris Harris and Geoff Hempstead for playing the Organ, who have helped with services and also Weddings and Funerals, if I am unavailable.

Both Church Organs and the Piano have been tuned during the year. Hopefully the work needed on Holy Trinity's may happen when funds allow.

I look forward to continue music making throughout the Parish during the next year.

Simon Morris (Parish Director of Music)



Flowers at Holy Trinity and St Dunstan's

At both Holy Trinity and St Dunstan's we are very grateful to those who faithfully provide flowers throughout the year to enhance the buildings and give pleasure to the congregation and visitors. In both churches we have a small number of names on the rota but we are always able to put on good displays for the major festivals. We are grateful also for the donations we receive at Easter as a contribution to the cost of the Easter Flowers, often in memory of a loved one. We can always use an extra pair of hands so if you would like to help with the flowers please do get in touch.

Lin Smith (HT) and Wendy Stacey (StD)

Churches Together

We continue to meet on a regular basis with representatives of the Baptist Church. Together we organise the Good Friday Walk of Witness and the annual World Day of Prayer service which alternates between the Baptist Church and Holy Trinity. It is the custom for the two churches to join together for their main service on Advent Sunday. In 2024 the service was at St Dunstan's. It was a joy to see the two congregations coming together to worship and to enjoy fellowship together after the service. There was joint publicity for the Christmas services. There is a strong commitment by the two churches to expand the working together to serve the communities in Forest Row and Ashurst Wood and to spread the Gospel. As part of this they are working on plans for a service during Forest Row Festival.

Keith Stacey



For the Kingdom, the Church and the World

Support for charities

Holy Trinity Church and its community have supported various charities through direct giving and fundraising events. The Spencer Hooker Charity received £200 from the Forest Row Primary School Harvest service collection, while £100 was donated to the Bluebell Foundation's Christmas appeal for local children. Crawley Open House received £166 from the main Harvest Festival collection, and £100 was given to the Children's Society after the Christingle services. The annual summer charity concert raised £1,159 for church funds, with £100 donated to St Silvan's Area Charity. The new Festival of Remembrance was a great success, raising £900 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and £320 for the Surrey Yeomanry Band, replacing the long-standing Poppy Recital. Congregation members also contributed £229 to Jigsaw, a charity supporting bereaved children, and are now collecting for Reaching the Unreached in rural South India. Additionally, Ride and Stride participants raised £690 for the Sussex Historic Churches Trust, with half returned to the parish.

Keith Stacey

Parish Social and Fundraising

The parish hosted a variety of social and fundraising events throughout the year. The Parish New Year Social in January and the Summer Parish Social in August expressed gratitude to volunteers. Fundraisers included a Kidbrooke Singers concert for Holy Trinity, monthly coffee mornings at St Dunstan's, and a May plant sale. Jamie's licensing was marked with a social gathering, and June's annual Charity Concert, featuring the Holy Trinity Festival Choir and Lingfield Prep Orchestra, raised over £1,000. Harvest Thanksgiving included an open church with refreshments, a 'Hymns and Pimms' service, and a Cream Tea and Quiz. November's Festival of Remembrance supported both the Poppy Appeal and church funds. In autumn, Christmas cards were sold, and the Christmas Tree Festival welcomed community groups, culminating in the Parish Carol Service with mulled wine and festive refreshments, thanks to Graham Bedford, Roger Phillips, and Patrick Crawford for their organisation.

Keith Stacey

Knit and Natter

The Knit and Natter group, have met on most 1st Tuesday's of every month during the year. Although our numbers fluctuate from meeting to meeting, everyone continues with their craft, either for themselves or for Charity. We look forward to welcoming everyone, including new members, for a cup of coffee or tea, maybe biscuits or cake and a lot of talking, while hopefully some knitting, crocheting, needlework is undertaken.

Marilyn Morris

Interim

11 ladies are attending on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Church hall. We had two visits to Brambletye School this year. The first to see their production of "Around the World in Eighty Days" and the second an afternoon of music played by the children followed by a delicious tea. Both were very enjoyable. Again we entered a tree in the Christmas Tree Festival. Our usual Christmas lunch was postponed until the Spring. Our numbers are small but those who attend find it very beneficial.

Lyn Smith

The Community Cafe

The Community Café at St Dunstan's is a community-run initiative, actively supported and hosted by the Church, in its mission to build strong community links. The cafe provides a nutritious, affordable, sit-down Tuesday lunchtime meal, alongside companionship, and an opportunity to make new friends. Some 40 community volunteers fulfil the essential tasks of cooks, assistant cooks, waiting staff, drivers, caretaking, and administration/finance support, all under the continuing leadership of Frances Jupp. Grateful thanks are expressed to all. During 2024 the Café served 1,536 customers. This works out at 31.3 customers per operational week, the average almost identical to 2023 when 1,339 customers attended 42 sittings. In total 957 soups, 1,486 mains, and 1,165 puddings were cooked and sold. Feedback from customers remains universally positive.

Chris Rolley (Hon. Treasurer)

St Dunstan's Church Coffee Morning

We have continued to hold a Coffee Morning at St Dunstan's on the 2nd Saturdays of the month. Many people are regular attenders and enjoy meeting up with friends and it is an opportunity for new residents of Ashurst Wood to get to know people in the village. We held a plant sale in May which was very popular. We continue to sell marmalade and jam and homemade cakes and biscuits.

Alison Harman

Forest Wood 100 Club Report.

2024 proved to be a little disappointing when it began, as we were beset by losing some of our long standing subscribers. However, I am pleased to report that fresh members have filled many of vacant ticket numbers. Consequently, we have managed to supplement the PCC funds by the same amount as last year, that is £3,000.00. The benefit to our churches cannot be underestimated, for it helps sustain the ministry and buildings in our villages for everyone's future needs. This year the prizes (1st, 2nd & 3rd) each month are currently running out at a total of £260.00 and this will increase with a larger enrolment of course. We have spare tickets available for new members, or existing members who would like extra tickets to increase their winning chances. Each number costs £5.00 per month payable by Bankers Order (preferred), or a cheque, which will need balancing in October when renewals of £60.00 per ticket per annum will be applied. Enrolment forms are to be found in Holy Trinity and St Dunstan church buildings. During the latter half of 2024 our congregation has been growing, which is exciting, so let's see if we can't fund this growth in our missionary work, whilst having a bit of fun doing it.

Keith Major

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

St Dunstan's, Ashurst Wood

Throughout 2024, significant maintenance and improvements were carried out at St. Dunstan's Church to ensure it remains a welcoming, safe, and functional space for the community. Structural and fabric-related works included repairing a kitchen leak, replacing water-damaged flooring with a waterproof covering, fitting new glass in the porch to protect the entrance and Community Book Store, and clearing undergrowth around the undercroft steps for better access. To improve comfort, draught excluders were installed on the main church doors, an electric heater with a smart plug was added to complement the overhead infrared heating, and sponge edging was applied to a kitchen shelf to prevent injuries. Electrical and fire safety measures were prioritised with PAT testing of equipment, twice-yearly servicing of the automatic fire alarm system, replacement of a faulty fire alarm sensor in the spire, servicing and updating fire extinguishers, and replacing a faulty fuse on the main power supply. Enhancements to signage and accessibility included installing a new external noticeboard, updating signage with the Vicar's details, and adding a designated Vicar's parking space sign. Improvements to lighting included repairing faulty floodlights and adjusting the timer to illuminate the spire in the evenings. The Books of Remembrance, presented to the church by Julie Brown, became a valued community resource. Additionally, practical updates included repositioning the SumUp machine with an extended power supply and ensuring better safety and organisation in the Welcome space.

Peter Bramley - Churchwarden

St Stephen's Churchyard

The Church Building : A formal draft "Pastoral Scheme" was issued by the Church Commissioners in April 2021 to provide for the lease of the closed church and part of the Churchyard for "cultural, social, and community purposes and for occasional Christian worship." The period for representations to be made ended on the 27th May 2021. As far as I know the matter is still in the hands of Solicitors.

Churchyard Use: There were no burials and no interment of ashes in 2024. What ever happens to the church building, the church yard will remain open and available for use by anyone living in the parish of Forest Row.

Churchyard Maintenance: This has been taken over by gardeners instructed by St Dunstan's with some local involvement clearing round tablets. All seems to be working well at the moment.

Damage to the Churchyard Wall: The north wall was badly damaged by a car, the driver fled the scene and has never been traced. Fortunately the Diocese had insured the grounds and the wall is now being repaired at no cost to the church.

Graham Bedford

Holy Trinity, Forest Row

During the last year we have been able to fulfil a number of necessary repairs and issues. My grateful thanks to both Graham Bedford and Jeremy Kirk, who have continued to take control of our fabric maintenance and deal with the considerable amount of paperwork involved.

In the early part of the year, Julie Brown completed the Books of Remembrance for Holy Trinity being the anniversary of Forest Row residents by date of death or funeral. Our thanks to Julie for undertaking this and agreeing to update the books on an annual basis.

In the early part of the year Roof repairs were completed and a grant was received from the National Churches Trust. 'Smartwater' was also applied to most of the lead on the rear of the Church to deter thieves. This work remains to be completed and signage put in place.

In the Summer we had a small amount of damage done to the Porch door, but thankfully this was repaired resulting in a new door handle.

In November the Church boiler was condemned due to Carbon Monoxide leaking from the leaking flue and the nonavailability of replacement parts for the boiler itself. This resulted in 6 weeks of no heating, but thankfully new gas boilers were installed, a hybrid boiler system for both the Church and Hall just before Christmas. Phase 2 of this system, comprising an Air to Water Heat Pump is under current negotiation.

In the latter part of the year masonry on the east part of the Church fell away and damaged guttering. We await this repair to be done during 2025. This has also made us realise that the guttering for the whole Church needs replacing which had been brought up in the last Quinquennial.

Routine electrical repairs have been carried out throughout the year, including repair of heating convectors and replacement of light fittings in the Sanctuary. The Clock was serviced and Fire Extinguishers serviced.

The Organ and Piano have both been tuned during the year. The Organ trumpet stop needs work at some point as there is a high level of dirt, dust and grit which does not help the tuning. When money allows, we hope this could be rectified, although some form of cover may be needed to avoid this happening again, as it is close to the archway. The notice board was updated to reflect the appointment of our new vicar.

Our grateful thanks to Peter Noble who has lent us equipment to improve our sound system in the latter part of the year.

During the year, we have been pleased to welcome Sharon Yates who kindly comes and hoovers and cleans the Church for us. This is gratefully appreciated and certainly helps to keep the Church looking cared for. Thank you also to Jeff Horner, Roger Phillips, Patrick Crawford, Margaret and Chris Winton and Graham Bedford for grass cutting, caring for the garden and routine maintenance. It is always so wonderful that people enter our Church and Garden so regularly and that they have the opportunity to enjoy such welcoming environments.

The PCC especially place on record their thanks to Pamela Bainbridge, Carol Holden and Colin Keen who have very kindly opened and locked the Church through the year and help our Church stay open 7 days a week. My thanks to all members of the congregation who continue to make our Church such a special place in the lives of the community.

Simon Morris – Churchwarden



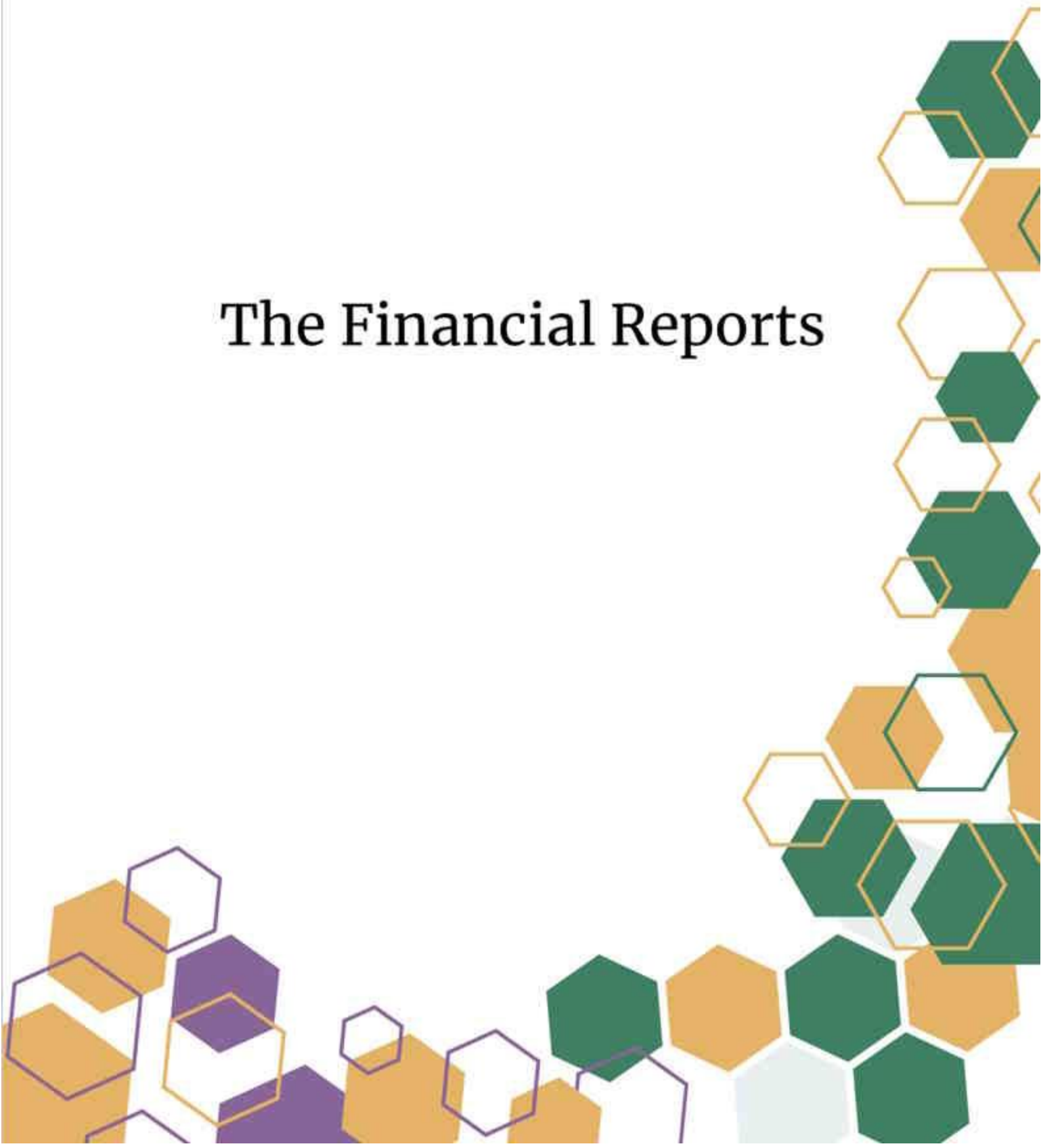
Eco church and Land management

Following the achievement of the ARocha Silver Award in 2023, the Eco Church Group is now working towards the Gold Award, having already reached Gold in the Worship and Teaching category, and aims to continue outdoor worship in church gardens, with plans to convert the wild area of St Stephen's Churchyard into a 'Meditation Garden'. Group members have researched environmentally-friendly alternatives to foam-based flower arrangements, such as coir and chicken wire, and a member has recently encouraged ministers, leaders, preachers, and intercessors to confidently preach on creation care and environmental issues, possibly supported by training. Through Parish News and PCC meetings, the group has outlined how the 360° carbon tool from Climate Stewards can help measure carbon footprints (excluding the 'Energy' section), and plans to develop a climate resilience action plan, participate in discussions about future non-fossil fuel energy supplies following a boiler replacement, and create a buildings operations plan focused on energy efficiency, aligning with the Church of England's goal to be carbon neutral by 2030. Additionally, the parish joined the Churches' Count on Nature event on June 9, 2024, to record wildlife in churchyards, is planning a village litter pick later this year, hosted a visit from the West Sussex Fair Trade Association before Christmas, and continues to embrace the challenge of fostering an ecologically-friendly church and community.

Patrick Crawford



The Financial Reports



Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Forest Row PCC

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Forest Row PCC (the charity) for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 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 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



Darren Harding ACA FCCA DChA
Richard Place Dobson Services Limited
1-7 Station Road
Crawley
West Sussex
RH10 1HT
Dated:

FOREST ROW PCC
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year to December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023
	Notes					
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	3	66,738	-	-	66,738	64,957
Charitable Activities	4	5,939	-	-	5,939	6,596
Other trading activities	5	13,865	-	-	13,865	13,156
Investments	6	2,898	-	-	2,898	1,969
Other Income	7	4,098	-	-	4,098	1,473
Total Income		93,538	-	-	93,538	88,151
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds	8	2,302	-	-	2,302	3,881
Charitable activities	9	99,766	-	-	99,766	90,434
Total Expenditure		102,068	-	-	102,068	94,315
Net gains /(losses) on investments	12	3,598	-	432	4,030	9,517
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(4,932)	-	432	(4,500)	3,353
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(4,932)	-	432	(4,500)	3,353
Fund Balances at 1 January 2024		454,650	-	18,638	473,288	469,935
Fund Balances at 31 December 2024		449,718	-	19,070	468,788	473,288

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

FOREST ROW PCC
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year to December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	64,407	550	-	64,957
Charitable Activities	4	6,596	-	-	6,596
Other trading activities	5	13,156	-	-	13,156
Investments	6	1,969	-	-	1,969
Other Income	7	1,473	-	-	1,473
Total Income		87,601	550	-	88,151
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds	8	3,881	-	-	3,881
Charitable activities	9	89,884	550	-	90,434
Total Expenditure		93,765	550	-	94,315
Net gains /(losses) on investments	12	7,937	-	1,580	9,517
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		1,773	-	1,580	3,353
Gross transfers between funds		81,247	(81,247)	-	-
Net movement in funds		83,020	(81,247)	1,580	3,353
Fund Balances at 1 January 2023		371,630	81,247	17,058	469,935
Fund Balances at 31 December 2023		454,650	-	18,638	473,288

FOREST ROW PCC
BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	14		306,383		306,383
Investments	15		93,496		89,466
			<u>399,879</u>		<u>395,849</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	16	4,274		3,870	
Cash at Bank and in hand	17	<u>68,304</u>		<u>77,430</u>	
		72,578		81,300	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	18	<u>(3,669)</u>		<u>(3,861)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>68,909</u>		<u>77,439</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>468,788</u>		<u>473,288</u>
Capital Funds					
Endowment Funds					
General Endowment Funds (Expendable)	19		19,070		18,638
Income Funds					
Restricted Funds					
Unrestricted Funds	20		449,718		454,650
Total Funds			<u>468,788</u>		<u>473,288</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 13/4/25

Revd Jamie Gater
Chair

FOREST ROW PCC

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provision in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting Policies

(Continued)

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classed by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings: Not depreciated

The gain or loss arising on disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting Policies

(Continued)

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financial transaction, when the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financial transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or service that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

FOREST ROW PCC

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting Policies

(Continued)

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis, revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and Gifts	66,738	-	66,738	64,407	550	64,957
Donations and Gifts						
Planned giving (excl tax refunds)	37,836		37,836	36,430		36,430
Collections at Services	9,424		9,424	5,928		5,928
Gift Days and Donations	12,378		12,378	13,178		13,178
Gift aid recoverable	5,883		5,883	8,871		8,871
Other grants	1,218		1,218	-	550	550
	66,738	-	66,738	64,407	550	64,957
4 Charitable Activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	5,939	-	5,939	6,596	-	6,596
5 Other trading activities						
Fundraising Events	4,426		4,426	4,880		4,880
Lettings etc	9,439		9,439	8,276		8,276
	13,865	-	13,865	13,156	-	13,156.00
6 Interest	2,898	-	2,898	1,969	-	1,969
7 Other Income	4,098	-	4,098	1,473	-	1,473
8 Raising Funds						
Church Hall running costs	2,302	-	2,302	3,881	-	3,881.00
9 Charitable activities						
Staff Costs	12,100		12,100	11,033		11,033
Diocesan Parish Share	27,000		27,000	28,000		28,000
Clergy and other persons expenses	872		872	1,339		1,339
Church Maintenance & Upkeep	29,629		29,629	29,696		29,696
Vicarage Costs	3,565		3,565	-		-
Upkeep of services	1,809		1,809	1,778		1,778
Upkeep of churchyard and garden	357		357	238		238
Church running costs	15,060		15,060	14,803		14,803
Charitable grants and donations	2,135		2,135	701	550	1,251
Fees	4,295		4,295	2,211		2,211
Sundry expenses	2,944		2,944	85		85
	99,766	-	99,766	89,884	550	90,434

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

10 Trustees

During the year, Churchwarden Simon Morris received £6,216 (2023: £6,216) for his role as Director of Music. Under diocesan guidelines, working expenses of £525 (2023: £1,339) were paid to the Vicar (Chair of PCC). A total of £NIL (2023: £243) was reimbursed to other trustees during the year for expenses incurred.

11 Employees

	2024	2023
The average monthly number of employees during the year was:	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Employment Costs	£	£
Wages and Salaries	<u>12,100</u>	<u>11,033</u>

No remuneration was paid to those who were considered key management personnel. There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Net gains /losses on investments

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Revaluation	3,598	432	4,030	7,937	1,580	9,517

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

14 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land and buildings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2024	307,283
At 31 December 2024	<u>307,283</u>
Depreciation and Impairment	
At 1 January 2024	900
At 31 December 2024	<u>900</u>
Carrying Amount	
At 1 January 2024	306,383
At 31 December 2024	<u>306,383</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

15 Fixed Asset Investments

		Investments	
		2024	2023
		£	£
Cost or valuation			
As at 1 January		89,466	79,949
Valuation changes		4,030	9,517
As at 31st December 2024		93,496	89,466
Comprised of:			
CBF Investment Fund			
Forest Row: CBF Investment Fund	1,175.8 units	73,796	70,211
Sinderson Trust: CBF Investment Fund	118.43 units	8,255	8,070
Stipend Fund : CBF Investment Fund	144.97 units	10,104	9,879
Moore Sinderson Trust	10.48 units	710	689
COIF Investment Shares			
McGrath Trust	31.1 units	631	617
		93,496	89,466

16 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid due	4,274	3,822
Prepayments and accrued income	-	48
	4,274	3,870

17 Cash at Bank and in hand

		Cash	
		2024	2023
		£	£
Current Accounts			
Santander		10,970	16,947
Co-op		2,861	3,448
Barclays		2,997	6,095
Barclays		770	750
Barclays		69	69
CBF Deposit Funds			
Forest Row PCC		40,400	40,400
Forest Row Griffiths Bequest		6,721	6,382
St Dunstons Maintenance		3,436	3,263
St Dunstons		80	76
As at 31st December		68,304	77,430

FOREST ROW PCC

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent Examination Fee	2,100	2,400
Repairs	-	189
Energy Costs	1,569	1,272
Total	<u>3,669</u>	<u>3,861</u>

19 Endowment Funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included in unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	Balance at 1 Jan 23	Rev'ns Gains & Losses	Balance at 1 Jan 24	Rev'ns Gains & Losses	Balance at 31 Dec 24
	£	£	£	£	£
Expendable Endowments					
Moore/Sinderson Trust	653	36	689	21	710
Sinderson Trust	7,376	694	8,070	185	8,255
Stipend Endowment Trust	9,029	850	9,879	226	10,105
	<u>17,058</u>	<u>1,580</u>	<u>18,638</u>	<u>432</u>	<u>19,070</u>

20 Restricted Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes

	Balance at 1 Jan 23	Incoming Resources	Movement in Funds Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 Dec 23
	£	£	£	£	£
Holy Trinity Refurbishment Fund	81,247	0	0	(81,247)	0
Spire Lighting Grant	0	50	(50)	0	0
Warm Room Grant	0	500	(500)	0	0
	<u>81,247</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>(550)</u>	<u>(81,247)</u>	<u>0</u>

No Restricted Funds in 2024

Holy Trinity Refurbishment Fund - Represented work carried out at Holy Trinity Church to form a kitchen area, install a toilet and refurbish the vestry. The transfer represented funds spent on these works that have been capitalised.

Spire Lighting Grant - represented a grant received to light Holy Trinity spire at night

Warm Room Grant - represented a grant received to run warm rooms during the winter at Holy Trinity

FOREST ROW PCC**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024****21 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 December are represented by:			
Tangible Assets	306,383		306,383
Investments	74,426	19,070	93,496
Current Assets/ (liabilities)	68,910		68,910
	<u>449,719</u>	<u>19,070</u>	<u>468,789</u>

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December are represented by:			
Tangible Assets	306,383		306,383
Investments	70,828	18,638	89,466
Current Assets/ (liabilities)	77,439		77,439
	<u>454,650</u>	<u>18,638</u>	<u>473,288</u>

22 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none)



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