

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF LAWFORD  
(STMARY'S CHURCH, LAWFORD)  
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024.**

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**(ST MARY'S CHURCH, LAWFORD)**  
**ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

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## **THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF LAWFORD (ST MARY'S CHURCH, LAWFORD)**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) as trustees is pleased to present their report together with the independently examined Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **Legal, Administrative and Governance Information**

St Mary's Church Lawford is a charity registered with the Charitable Commission of England and Wales and is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956).

The rules for electing PCC members are set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

PCC members who served during 2024

Curate in Charge:	Rev Dom Turner (resigned February 2025)
Curate:	Rev Nicky Young
Licenced Lay Minister:	Margaret Southgate
Church Warden:	Megan Howes
Deanery Synod:	Karen Crowhurst
Elected Members:	Betsy Edwards
	Francis Franks
	Moira French
	Richard Heath (resigned April 2024)
	Elisabeth Humphries
	Chris Monckton-Rickett
	Sue Monckton-Rickett
	Mary Nunn
	Tim Parker
	Rev Paul Greenland (Treasurer)
	Karen Greenland
	Ian Dunlop
	Caroline Dunlop

In April 2024, Rev Paul Greenland was appointed the Honorary Treasurer.

St. Mary's Lawford has worked within an informal group CrossReach Churches with the two other parishes for which Rev. Dom Turner is incumbent; St. Mary with St. Michael Mistley and St. Lawrence, Bradfield.

Rev. Dom Turner informed the parish of his resignation in December 2024 and left the parish in February 2025. At the time of writing this report the parish is in an interregnum.

#### **Committees**

The only PCC appointed committee is the Standing Committee, which has delegated power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings subject to directions given by the PCC.

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### Church Attendance

The number of people on the Electoral Roll as at 31 December 2024 was 108, (75 residents and 33 non-residents. However, since the year end the 2024 the revision of the Electoral Roll that takes place every five years has been completed and following this revision, the Electoral Roll as at 11 April 2025 stands at 69 (47 residents and 22 non-residents).

The average Sunday Service attendance excluding special services, but including baptisms and both services on Sundays 40.2(3.5 children and 36.7 adults) (34.8 in 2023 including 2.9 children and 29.5). The average attendance statistics excluding baptism services for the last 3 years are below, showing minimal growth 1.6 (0.2 children and 1.4 adults) in the attendance at 11.00am service from 2023 to 2024 and still below 2022 figures, a decrease in attendance at the monthly 9.15am service from 2023 to 2024 and a minimal increase in the attendance at the monthly midweek communion from 2023 to 2024.

	2022			2023			2024		
	8.00am	10.30am	Tuesday Monthly	9.15am	11.00am	Tuesday Monthly	9.15am	11.00am	Tuesday Monthly
<b>Average Attendance (excl Baptism Services and Remembrance )</b>									
Children	0.1	2.2	-	0.0	3.1	-	-	3.3	-
Adults	10.1	35.8	10.2	35.8	26.4	16.3	31.2	27.8	16.9
Total	10.2	37.9	10.2	35.8	29.5	16.3	31.2	31.1	16.9

### Aims and Purpose

The aim of St Mary's as with all Church of England Churches is 'To promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'. In fulfilling this aim the PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Dom Turner, in promoting within the parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church, Churchyard and Church Hall.

### Objectives and Activities

The objectives of St. Mary's are to provide the community with a place of and opportunities for worship and to develop and enable activities that will both grow the family of the church and provide public benefit.

### Achievements and Performance

- **Worship:** In 2024 the pattern of Sunday services held in St. Mary's continued to a Contemporary Style of Service each week with one being a communion and in addition a more formal communion in addition being held on one Sunday in the month and a midweek communion held once a month. St. Mary's Choir has continued to support worship across all of the three CrossReach churches, attending one service in each church per month.
- **Children's Activities:** are available each Sunday. The Edward Bear Group, for pre-school children and their parents / carers has continued to meet weekly in term time and continues to be well attended as do the special events held by Edward Bear such as Woodland Tree Easter Walk.
- **Discipleship and Outreach:** During 2024 there have been two regular home / small groups meeting for both members of St. Mary's and the other CrossReach Churches and across churches there has been an Alpha course, a Lent course and an Advent course.
- **Pastoral Activities:** Various groups meet on a monthly / fortnightly basis providing fellowship to both church members and the wider community including Choir, Ladies in Fellowship Together, Support in Loss, Coffee and Chat, Art Club, Craft Group and Handbells. The annual Light a Candle Service for all who have ben bereaved was held in St. Mary's this year.
- **Prayer Group:** In February a monthly prayer group was started at Lawford Church and in September a further group was established for all of the CrossReach churches.

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- **Social Activities:** Several social events have been held throughout the year including Quiz Nights, Wreath Making Workshops, Dog Day, TableTop Sale and Christmas Tree Festival. These activities have been successful both in terms of engaging with the community and also in raising funds for the church generally and specifically to support maintenance and restoration work.
- **Support for Community Activities:** St. Mary's has supported Manningtree Foodbank by donating to it all of the produce given at Harvest Festival and providing Christmas gifts for the children of families supported by the Foodbank. Support has also been provided by the collection of warm clothing and bedding for community support groups. St. Mary's along with other churches also attended the Tendring Show.
- **Lawford C of E Primary School:** the governing body consists of 14 governors, of which 8 are Church Governors, including the Rev. Dom Turner and two PCC members. St Mary's also provided Bibles all pupils in year 3.
- **Support for Other Charities:** St Mary's congregation has supported Christian Aid, the Children's Society, Macmillan nursing and Tools With A Mission through specific giving, fundraising events and donation of items.
- **Building Repairs and Restoration:** the maintenance of an historic building requires considerable effort and costs. In 2024 work has continued out to maintain and restore the interior and external fabric of the church building and hall. There remains much work to be done, including the priority of replacing the current heating system, work on which has commenced and will be completed in May 2025 thanks to a generous donation for the full cost from The Murton Poole Charitable Trust. The PCC would like to thank the Friends of Lawford Church Group and everyone who contributes to the practical work on the buildings, the work in keeping the current heating system functioning and for their support in investigating restoration and repair projects.

Our thanks to everyone who has helped to make these events happen for your generosity in time, skills, resources and finances.

#### Public Benefit

The purposes and activities, as listed above are in accordance with the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

#### Risk Awareness and Management

The PCC regularly reviews the major strategic, business and operational risks, that the church faces and the mitigating factors.

#### Safeguarding

The PCC is very aware of its responsibilities with regard to safeguarding and follows the House of Bishops guidance in implementing policies and procedures.

#### Our appreciation

In addition to those mentioned above our appreciation goes to:

- the many non-stipendiary priests who have led worship and specific services during the year; Rev Nicky Young, Rev Stephen Carter, Rev John Brien, Rev Paul Greenland, Rev David Titley and to Local Lay Ministers Margaret Southgate and Kevin Hawkins.
- our administrators for all of the work that they do to keep the church functioning
- the many members of the congregation that led groups, assist in the leading of worship, fundraise, organise events, etc.
- all those who support the work of St. Mary's financially

We thank God for everyone who gives so generously of their finances time and skills.

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We especially want to thank two members of the St. Mary's team, who stepped down from their roles this year: Rosina Porter, who has cleaned the church for over fourteen years and Beck Jones, who has been PCC secretary. We thank them for their commitment. As they both stepped down, we welcomed Margaret Steed and Jenny Hartland who took over from Rosina and Beck respectively.

#### **Financial Review**

##### **Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities**

Charity law requires the PCC as trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year, and to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP.
- Keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of Charity Law.
- Safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

##### **Financial Position for 2024**

The accounts as set out in pages 7 to 13

##### **The General Fund had a Surplus of £3,044 for the year.**

General Fund Income £63,503 in 2024 compared to £56,039 in 2023, the main variances being

- General Giving increased from £24,489 to £27,957, with an increase in Gift Aided Gifts and Free Will offerings, which is beneficial to the church in having a more regular and secure basis of income.
- Income Tax recovered decreased from £8,673 in 2023 to £8,290 due to some claims for gifts in previous years being made in 2023.
- Donations increased from £1,992 in 2023 to £7,349 in 2024 due to a £5k gift for General Funds.
- Children's Activities increased from £941 in 2023 to £1,898 in 2024 due to increased donations from Edward Bear attendees

General Fund Expenditure has increased from £53,574 in 2023 to £60,458 in 2024, with the main variances being:

- The amount paid as Diocesan Quota (Parish Share) increased from £19,750 in 2023 to £21,000 in 2024, which is still significantly below the targeted amount of £33,842
- Boiler costs increased from £8,104 in 2023 to £12,755 in 2024 due to increased cost of woodchip and repairs in 2024

The General Fund has a surplus at the end of 2024 of £3,044 and a balance of £10,532. However, it should be emphasised that this has only been achieved by the church not meeting its Parish Share target by £13K. If the Parish Share had been paid in full the Church would have had a deficit for 2024 of over £9K. The Parish Share in 2023 also not met by a similar amount.

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#### **Designated and Restricted Funds had a Surplus of £54,217 for the year**

Income of £131,312 in 2024 compared to £23,990 in 2023 the main sources of additional income were:

- A legacy of £4,939 being received in 2024
- £5,169 income for the Refresh Weekend in the New Wine / Refresh Event with corresponding expenditure of £5,326 for the event. This event was organised by Rev Dom Turner and other ministers, and St Mary's was used to both collect income and pay costs. There were no financial liabilities for St Mary's

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- Restoration fund increased by £10k due to fundraising events
- Diocesan Loan of £30,000 given in advance of the sale of the rectory. When the rectory is sold, St Mary's will pay it back as it is a loan, and then the Diocese will make a grant of £30,000 from the sale in relation to the fact that the church has needed to church heating from the rectory prior to the sale.
- In 2024 the Heating Fund £80,280 has been received The Murton Poole Charitable Trust. The Trust has committed to covering the full cost of the installation of the new air source heat pump (ASHP) project. So far £69,652 has been paid for the work done to date. More funds will be received as invoices paid in 2025 for the completion of the project.

We are immensely thankful for the provision of funds for the installation of the ASHP and to all of those who enabled this to happen.

Expenditure of £77,095 in 2024 compared to £27,499 in 2023 with main variances being:

- £5,326 being spent on the New Wine / Refresh event, as mentioned above.
- £69,652 has been spent on the Air Source Heat Pump installation. More funds will be received as invoices are paid in 2025 for the completion of the project.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The financial position of St. Mary's is such that it is not possible to meet all of the financial commitments of the day-to-day activities of the Church, and to maintain an unrestricted general fund reserve. The PCC however, acknowledge the guidance of the Charity Commission to maintain a reserve of at least three months expenditure, and will seek to move towards this, as the financial position allows.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unre- stricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted &Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM</b>						
Donations and Legacies	1.3	62,044	10,721	119,275	192,040	77,656
Charitable Activities		0	0	0	0	36
Other Trading Activities		895	0	0	895	814
Investment Income		563	11	1,305	1,879	1,529
Other Income		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>63,503</b>	<b>10,732</b>	<b>120,580</b>	<b>194,814</b>	<b>80,035</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>						
	1.4					
Fund Raising		25,743	5,357	71,380	102,477	52,578
Charitable Activities		34,715	0	0	34,715	28,496
Governance		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>60,458</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>71,380</b>	<b>137,192</b>	<b>81,074</b>
<b>Net Income / (Expenditure)</b>		<b>3,043</b>	<b>5,375</b>	<b>49,201</b>	<b>57,626</b>	<b>-1,040</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>						
Total Funds Brought Forward		7,129	8,984	31,403	47,518	48,559
Transfer Between Funds		359	-488	129	0	0
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b>10,533</b>	<b>13,871</b>	<b>80,736</b>	<b>105,137</b>	<b>47,518</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Restricted Funds & Endowments 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Note	£		£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
Tangible Assets	1.6	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Prepayments and Accrued Income	1.8	3,668	0	0	3,668	7,377
<b>Cash at Bank</b>					-	-
Barclays Current Account	1.10	7,523	0	0	7,523	5,327
Barclays Savings Account		161	13,871	55,678	69,710	14,427
CFB / CCLA Savings Account		0	0	25,056	25,056	23,796
Petty Cash		34	0	0	34	0
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>11,385</b>	<b>13,871</b>	<b>80,734</b>	<b>105,990</b>	<b>50,927</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
Creditors falling due within one year	1.9	-853	0	0	-853	-3,409
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>10,532</b>	<b>13,871</b>	<b>80,734</b>	<b>105,137</b>	<b>47,518</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>10,532</b>	<b>13,871</b>	<b>80,735</b>	<b>105,137</b>	<b>47,518</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>						
Unrestricted Funds					10,532	7,129
Designated					13,871	8,984
Restricted Funds					80,735	31,403
					<b>105,137</b>	<b>47,518</b>

**Other Funds**

In addition to the funds held in the name of the Parochial Church Council of Lawford (St. Mary's Lawford) there are two trusts held in separate charities that are for the benefit of the church.

1. John Edes Trust Fund Charity Number 213987, which has the following Charitable objects:

For promoting aiding and furthering the objects and work of the Church of England by: -

- A. Maintenance and upkeep of Lawford churchyard,
- B. Repair, maintenance and upkeep of the fabric of Lawford church,
- C. Repair, maintenance and upkeep of the Lawford rectory.

As at 31 December 2024 the value of this fund was £8,069.82

2. Charity Of Emma Aggatha Ogilvie Charity Number 239477, which has the following Charitable objects

For the maintenance and support of those in need in the parish of Manningtree.

As at 31 December 2024 the value of this fund was £971.15

Signed on behalf of PCC



Rev P Greenland

Treasurer 06/05/2025

# **THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF LAWFORD (ST MARY'S CHURCH, LAWFORD)**

## **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 Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) applicable to charities and the Charities Act 2011, and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The PCC have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate, and have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the Financial Statements. In particular, the PCC have considered forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and/or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The Trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the church has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The church, therefore, continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its Financial Statements, and meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

#### **1.2 Funds**

- The general fund represents the funds of the church that are not subject to restrictions regarding their use and is available for general purposes.
- Restricted funds are those that have been given to the church for use for a specific purpose.
- Designated Funds are those that have been set aside from general funds by the church for a given purpose, but can be re-assigned for general purposes or to other designated or restricted purposes.

#### **1.3 Incoming resources**

Income, including investment income, is recognised in the period in which the church becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the church has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it, or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

#### **1.4 Expenditure**

Expenditure is apportioned between Raising Funds and Charitable Activities according to the purpose for the expenditure.

#### **1.5 Depreciation**

The church holds no fixed assets on which depreciation needs to be calculated.

#### **1.6 Irrecoverable VAT**

The church is unable to recover VAT other than under the Listed Places of Worship Grant. Any VAT, which cannot be recovered is charged in the statement of financial activities.

#### **1.7 Taxation**

The church is a registered charity and is exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.

#### **1.8 Debtors, Prepayments and Accrued Income**

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount; prepayments are valued at the calculated amount prepaid, and accrued income is recognised at the known value of income that relates to the current year, but was not received until the next financial year.

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**1.9 Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the church has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party, and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**1.10 Financial Instruments**

The church only has financial assets of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value. The church has no financial liabilities that qualify as basic financial instruments.

**1.11 Cashflow statement**

The church has taken advantage of the exemption provided by the FRS 102 SORP and has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year.

**1.12 Rounding**

Minor variances between the SOFA, Balance Sheet and Tables contained within the Notes to the Accounts are due only to rounding issues.

**2.2 Fund Movement Summary**

	Opening Balance 01/01/2024	Income 2024	Expenditure 2024	Transfer of Funds	Closing Balance 31/12/24
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Designated</b>					
Designated - Flower Festivals	1,092	406	-31	-398	1,070
Designated - Legacies	7,766	4,951	0	0	12,717
Designated - Refresh / New Wine Activities	125	5,375	-5,326	-90	84
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>8,984</b>	<b>10,732</b>	<b>-5,357</b>	<b>- 488</b>	<b>13,872</b>
<b>Restricted</b>					
Restricted - Childrens fund	3,401	62	-828	-198	2,437
Restricted - Choir fund	947	160	-24	0	1,083
Restricted - Handbells fund	1,863	40	0	-500	1,403
Restricted - Memorials	4,838	7	0	0	4,845
Restricted - Restoration fund	19,914	10,031	-875	827	29,898
Restricted - Diocesan Loan	0	30,000	0	0	30,000
Restricted - Heating Fund	0	80,280	-69,652	0	10,628
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>30,966</b>	<b>120,580</b>	<b>-71,379</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>80,295</b>
<b>Endowment</b>					
Endowment - Graveyard trusts	439	0	0	0	439
<b>Total Designated/ Restricted / Endowments</b>	<b>40,389</b>	<b>131,312</b>	<b>-76,736</b>	<b>-359</b>	<b>94,606</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>7,128</b>	<b>63,503</b>	<b>-60,460</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>10,530</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>47,518</b>	<b>194,815</b>	<b>-137,196</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105,136</b>

The transfer between funds included:

- £500 and £398 being transferred from the Handbells fund and Flower Festival fund respectively, as contributions to the Restoration Fund

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**3.0 GENERAL ACCOUNT Detailed Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Detailed Income and Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Restricted Funds & Endowments 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Income and endowments	£	£	£	£	£
<i><b>Donations and legacies</b></i>					
1100 - Weekly Envelopes	255	0	0	255	967
1101 - Gift Aid	21,169	0	0	21,169	18,992
1102 - Free Will	3,250	0	0	3,250	1,041
1103 - Income Tax recovered	8,290	41	7	8,339	9,123
1105 - Church collections	3,097	165	19	3,282	3,498
1107 - Giftday					250
1108 - Donations	7,349	5,169	1,380	13,899	5,075
1110 - Churchyard income	2,750	0	0	2,750	2,750
1111 - Childrens activities	1,898	0	0	1,898	941
1129 - Legacies	0	4,939	0	4,939	0
1130 - Grants	0	0	110,280	110,280	11,122
1133 - Fund Raising	2,197	406	7,531	10,134	10,500
1134 - School Bibles	0	0	57	57	347
1135 - Memorial donations	0	0	0	0	200
1140 - Parish Mission	92	0	0	92	0
1175 - Fees	11,693	0	0	11,693	12,844
<i><b>Donations and legacies Totals</b></i>	<b>62,044</b>	<b>10,721</b>	<b>119,275</b>	<b>192,044</b>	<b>77,655</b>
<i><b>Income from charitable activities</b></i>					
1131 - Charities	0	0	0	0	0
1145 - Handbells	0	0	0	0	36
<i><b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b></i>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>
<i><b>Other trading activities</b></i>					
1113 - Vestry Stock	0	0	0	0	11
1176 - Catering	895	0	0	895	623
1177 - Hall Use	0	0	0	0	180
<i><b>Other trading activities Totals</b></i>	<b>895</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>814</b>
<i><b>Investments</b></i>					
1151 - Bank interest	501	0	0	501	361
1153 - Funds interest	62	11	1,305	1,378	1,167
<i><b>Investments Totals</b></i>	<b>563</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>1,879</b>	<b>1,529</b>
<i><b>Other income Totals</b></i>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i><b>Income &amp; Endowments Grand Totals</b></i>	<b>63,502</b>	<b>10,732</b>	<b>120,581</b>	<b>194,818</b>	<b>80,035</b>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF LAWFORD (ST MARY'S CHURCH, LAWFORD)**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2024</b>	<b>Designated Funds 2024</b>	<b>Restricted Funds &amp; Endowments 2024</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><i>Raising funds</i></b>					
1323 - Priest in charge expenses	385	0	0	385	180
1325 - Associate Clergy	36	0	0	36	125
1327 - Secretarial duties	5,334	0	0	5,334	5,148
1329 - Cleaning	1,792	0	0	1,792	1,440
1331 - Telephone - Broadband	915	0	0	915	941
1335 - Security	737	0	0	737	690
1337 - Heat/Light/Power	849	0	0	849	1,170
1339 - Insurance	2,556	0	0	2,556	2,364
1341 - Internal works	1,563	0	695	2,258	940
1342 - Hall catering	580	0	0	580	414
1343 - Vestry	89	0	0	89	61
1345 - Music	4	0	24	29	732
1347 - Churchyard	6,031	0	0	6,031	5,643
1350 - Magazine - Other Expenses	0	0	0	0	6
1351 - Parish mission	174	5,326	0	5,500	104
1353 - Childrens activities	0	0	89	89	30
1355 - External works	0	0	69,652	69,652	26,760
1357 - Miscellaneous	153	31	0	183	475
1362 - School Bibles	0	0	739	739	311
1367 - Training	-0	0	0	-0	23
1371 - Fund raising	165	0	180	344	500
1375 - Printing expenses	124	0	0	124	299
1376 - Stationery	76	0	0	76	15
1378 - Fees paid out	4,310	0	0	4,310	4,198
<b><i>Raising funds Totals</i></b>	<b>25,887</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>71,380</b>	<b>102,615</b>	<b>52,578</b>
<b><i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i></b>					
1321 - Diocesan Quota	21,000	0	0	21,000	19,750
1333 - Sound System					6
1336 - Bolier Costs	12,755	0	0	12,755	8,104
1338 - Rectory Electricity	583	0	0	583	-823
1340 - Water Rates	239	0	0	239	1,459
<b><i>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</i></b>	<b>34,577</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34,577</b>	<b>28,496</b>
<b><i>Church management &amp; Administration</i></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Expenditure Grand totals</b>	<b>60,458</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>71,380</b>	<b>137,192</b>	<b>81,074</b>
<b>Net Income / (Expenditure)</b>	<b>3,043</b>	<b>5,375</b>	<b>49,201</b>	<b>57,625</b>	<b>-1,040</b>

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF LAWFORD

I report the church trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 13

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

As the Independent Examiner it is my responsibility to:

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

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented within those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept as required by the Charities Act 2011: or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records with the accounting requirements; or
3. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.



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Date

7 May 2025.