THE PARISH OF ST. MARY'S BEAMINSTER

(CHARITY COMMISSION NO: 1133757)

PCC ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2024

St Mary's Church Beaminster

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

St. Mary's Beaminster is situated in Church Street, Beaminster. It is part of the Beaminster Team Churches and in the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England.

Status: The PCC is a registered as a Charity with the Charity Commissioners.
Charity registration No: 1133757

Team Rector: Revd. Canon David Baldwin
Team Vicar: Revd. Jo Neary
Church Wardens: Mrs Judith Hansen

E**lected Members:**
Judith Hansen, and Marlene Jackaman (Standing down in 2025)
Vivien McMurray, James Oldfield and Dan Rootham (Standing down in 2026)
Philip Crawford, David Langridge and Gillian Perrott (Standing down in 2027)

Deanery Synod Reps: Rudi Simmonds due to step down in 2026.
Team Council Reps: Judith Hansen.
Lay Vice Chairman: Rudi Simmonds
Secretary to PCC: Vivien McMurray
Treasurer to PCC: Suzanne Flux.
Chair of the Finance sub-committee: Marlene Jackaman

Church Office and address for correspondence: 8, Hogshill Street, Beaminster DT8 3AE.
Team Administrator: Amanda Wheeler-Kemp
Team Online and Media Administrator: Harry Neary
Bank: HSBC.
Independent Examiner: Scott-Vevers Accountants (Bridport)

Structure, Governance and Management: the method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities: St. Mary's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent the Revd Canon David Baldwin in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church-pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and churchyard.

Committees and their briefs: The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact PCC business between meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. The various subcommittees meet as and when required.

Team Safeguarding Officers: Liz Brown and Barbara Simmonds

Team Health and Safety Advisor: Vacant. A Health and Safety Group did not function as such as there were no volunteers to take this on. The churchwarden ensured that any incidents/events were recorded, and risks assessed working closely with the Fire Safety Advisor and the building company.

Electoral Roll Officer: Jenny Langridge who says that at the end of the year there were 91 people on the roll. (Previous update: 96). There had been 3 deaths, 4 had moved away and 1 had been added. The 5year update was to be done in 2025. At the APCM in May 2025 there were:- 92 parishioners on the roll.

The Parochial Church Council: Review of the year January to December 2024

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The PCC met in January, June, August and November in church. The APCM was held in April.
The Standing Committee comprising the Team Rector, Church Warden, Lay Vice Chairman, Chair of the Finance subcommittee and Secretary met to set agendas for PCC meetings and on an ad hoc basis, when decisions regarding the fabric projects needed to be made.
Minutes of the PCC meetings are displayed on the notice board in Church. The bulk of the PCC agenda is covered by reports of the work of the subcommittees:

1. Finance: Chairman: Marlene Jackaman took on this role with Suzanne Flux, who was employed by the PCC as the treasurer. Parishioners were invited to transfer to the Parish Giving Scheme and a good majority of our regular donors did this. Our day to day running costs remained high and money was transferred between accounts as necessary.

2. Fabric with the Church Environment Group: Rudi Simmonds, James Oldfield, Gill Perrott and Judith Hansen the churchwarden, continued to carry several projects forward and obtain the required faculties. Work started in July and through August. The Friends of St. Mary's gave a generous donation towards the project. The toilet in the vestry has been well used and the volunteers are getting used to the new kitchen. The dishwasher was yet to be wired up and will make a difference for our faithful kitchen volunteers when it is up and running.

3. Mission and Outreach: Chairman Revd Jo Neary. 'Walk In Wednesday' continued weekly along with the Toddler Group on a Monday morning. The online Gin Church is weekly on Thursday evenings. The ever-popular Messy Church is held during the year, and the monthly Bereavement Café has a small following.

4. Worship: Chairman Revd David Baldwin. The Director of Music liaised closely with him, and occasional meetings were held.

5. Pastoral care: Chairman Rev Prebendary Alastair Wheeler. The 3 LPAs met every few weeks for support and to discuss any issues. Angie Alexander left the team and the congregation.

These groups also include members of the congregation and usually convene between PCC meetings sending their reports to the PCC via the secretary.

In February a choir supper was held again in the Strode Room. We were also able to say thank you to all our wonderful extras that joined us for the major festivals over the year.

In March. Lent and Easter fell in March this year. The Beaminster Singers provided a musical devotion on the evening of Good Friday which was well received.

In April the CCTV was installed and quickly proved to be an asset as the incidents of vandalism came to a halt. The Friends of St. Mary's again generously donated £10,000 to cover the cost

In May, several members of the congregation travelled to Salisbury to witness the Installation of Canons, as our very own Rev Jo Neary was to become one. It proved to be a very special occasion.

In June a new shed was erected to take some of the contents of the Mort House and Vestry in time for work to begin in July. The shed was donated by John Bugler via 'Beaminster Sheds'

The Beaminster Festival came around again in in June. The congregation was involved with catering for the performers, making coffee and welcoming initiatives linked to the local community. Two members of the Church Flower Team helped with organising the floral decorations.

In July and August, the major work began on the installation of the toilet in the vestry and the upgrading of the kitchen. As the sewage system was to be connected to the town sewers, the vestry floor and the church path were dug up. Several skeletons were revealed, examined by the archaeologist and then had to be reburied and consecrated. The pipework ran down the steps and under the Strode Room. A' Deed of Easement' was agreed with the Strode Room Committee and during this procedure a major blockage was found. A specialist team had to be called in to advise and the 2 systems run alongside each other down behind the wall and into the sewers. The steps to the crypt were also filled in and the cage removed. This now allowed uninterrupted access for people with disabilities around the south side of the church. Our stonemason Ben Sabran was able to build ramps for wheelchair access.
Fortunately, the Strode Room was able to provide space so that Walk in Wednesday, communion service and coffee could continue as well as PCC meetings.

In September works to the fabric continued as there had been a few problems encountered along the way. The Toddlers group met in the Memorial Playing Fields. The idea of employing a family worker was aired with use of the Team Office as a community hub.
The Flower Festival to celebrate Harvest was put on by the Friends of St. Mary's. Local businesses were encouraged to participate.

In November the PCC reviewed hire charges for use of the church and the grass cutting contract.

December heralded a feast of music with the Advent and Christmas Carol services. The annual Martin Schellenberg Trust concert held in mid-December has also become a firm favourite.

Last but not least, the PCC must mention Judith Hansen, our churchwarden who has again gone beyond the call of duty to keep the show on the road. She has coordinated the many projects, kept an eye on the building contractors and helped resolve the problems that have arisen being on site every day. A big thank you goes to her. Also, our gratitude goes to our Finance subcommittee headed by Marlene Jackaman who with Suzanne Flux our treasurer, have kept a close eye on the incomings and outgoings and presenting the accounts with their professional acumen.

V*ivien McMurray (PCC Secretary)*

Finance Committee Report

It has been a very busy year with the large amount of building works taking place; the major projects undertaken included the kitchen/toilet works and CCTV installation.
In 2024 the kitchen and toilet work totalled £217,700 and the CCTV works £10,600; the lighting works are now due to take place in 2025.
We were very fortunate to have been able to obtain a grant of £25,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation towards the kitchen works, many thanks to James Oldfield for applying for this money. The Friends of St. Mary's Church Beaminster were also very generous and provided funding of £50,000 towards the kitchen and £9,600 towards the CCTV installation.

We also obtained grants from DCMS of £36,000 for reclaiming VAT on eligible building works throughout the year, we also successfully passed an additional audit on these claims.
As shown on the balance sheet, despite the high level of expenditure we are still in a fortunate position to have a healthy balance in our Fabric Accounts, but due diligence must be applied to future expenditure. This balance has been possible because of the grants and donations mentioned above and some legacies and generous donations kindly received (£107,000)

From the accounts you will notice we are showing a surplus on the 2024 General Account of £1,259 (£14,433 deficit for 2023); this surplus would have been a deficit had we not transferred £30,000 from the Fabric account. This is a worrying trend as we mentioned last year we also need suggestions for fund raising events and enthusiastic people to help.
We have implemented the Parish Giving Scheme to receive planned donations (this allows us to get Gift Aid income on a monthly rather than annual basis), we need regular committed income to try and fund the increasing rising day to day costs.
The General Account is our 'housekeeping account', where our day to day running costs is met. Our biggest outlay is the Parish Share, rising over recent years from £50,045 in 2018 to £54,648.11 in 2024; Our 2025 share will be £62,012. Another big outlay in 2024 was our annual insurance premium of £8,525- this increased due to the building work.

One item of concern is the deficit of income relating to Team News, our cost was £3,340 but we only received £2,734 plus £180 in 2025 meaning that £426.00 was not recovered, this relates to copies given away free or if left in Church any payment cannot be separately identified. Although some copies are given out free to new people moving to the area, we feel that this is one area that needs to be investigated so we do not "lose" out so much going forward.
As the income in 2024 has been higher than previous years we are required to prepare our Accounts on an Accruals basis rather than Receipts & Payments; the 2023 financial statements have been re-stated and prior year adjustments made to reserves.
Thanks go to the Finance Committee for their valued input at our meetings and to David Baldwin and the PCC members for their support during the year.
We have re-appointed Scott Vevers as our independent examiner for 2024/2025.

Suzanne Flux and Marlene Jackaman

CHURCHWARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

During 2024 it seemed to me that the Church was in good heart. Our average attendance across both Sunday services was 61 people and we have been very happy to see both visitors and new members of the congregations.

Despite works being carried out in the Church immediately after Easter to install the CCTV and through the Summer months for the installation of the new kitchen, cooker and dishwasher, drainage and new toilet/utility facilities, we were able to continue to hold Sunday and midweek services as well as Walk-in-Wednesday. This was facilitated by the kindness of the Strode Room Committee and we are grateful to them for their assistance and, in particular, allowing us to connect our new drainage to their main drains. You have no idea how much work and mess was avoided by allowing this to happen. (See Fabric for more.) We are extremely grateful to the Friends' of St. Mary's for providing £10,000 to pay for the cost of the CCTV and £50,000 towards the cost of the building works.

My thanks, on behalf of you all, to every person who contributes to the life of our Church. We are very fortunate to have all our services covered by David and Jo as well as partner priests and LLMs without whom this would not be possible . I am also most grateful to Peter Nardone our wonderful organist and choirmaster and other organists who have joined us in Peter's absence. Thanks also to our Choir who have provided some beautiful music throughout the year and very especially on special occasions. To all LPA's and others who visit or provide home communion my thanks.

We have hosted Messy Church on several occasions this year and these have been full of joy (and mess sometimes) and have often lifted our spirits to see little people with parents or grandparents coming to hear stories of Jesus and join in the fun. Thanks, of course, to all the Messy Church Team for their faithfulness to this important part of our Ministry.

Walk-in-Wednesday has continued to be important to members of our community who come along week by week for coffee, tea, homemade biscuits, cakes and chat. Thank you to all the volunteers who give their time and skills to make these Wednesday mornings successful including the Art people and group of musicians with their music.

Bereavement Cafe (first Monday afternoon of the month) though small in number has proved to be a good opportunity to meet with those who are still feeling their grief as a result of loss of family members and to give our support. Again my thanks to the volunteers who make this possible.

We held a Charity evening for folks to bring their antiques to be perused and valued by Duke's Auctioneers. I think most people found this interesting and enjoyable

As usual iin May we had the opportunity to support Christian Aid and as well as posting 1600 envelopes through the town's doors we arranged a street collection, cake sale in the square and our organist presented a lunchtime concert. We raised over £3030 which was amazing. In addition we made our annual donations to charities – in 2024 £1,000 to each of six charities. We have been fortunate to receive generous legacies to our Church and this was our opportunity to show our love for our local and global neighbours.

Last but not least all those who opened the church every morning and closed in the evening,

sides-people, readers, bell ringers, cleaners, flower arrangers, communion prep , sound management, secretarial duties, furniture movers, coffee makers, grass mowers, gardeners and any I have forgotten and the PCC. Thank you all for your support in making our church the welcoming and friendly place it is to the glory of God.

Judith Hansen – Churchwarden May 2025

FABRIC REPORT FOR 2024

2024 was a big milestone in the life of our church building. Immediately after Easter saw the installation of the CCTV. Eleven cameras – seven inside and four outside including two on the roof were installed and paid for by the Friends' of St. Mary's at a cost of nearly £10,000. I believe this has been a great asset as a deterrent to those wishing to cause problems or to use anti-social behaviour in and around the building.

At the request of the Rector, John Bugler supplied and donated a new shed which we were able to fill with the contents of the old kitchen and vestry whilst the new building work was undertaken. We are very grateful for this donation.

In the beginning of July, at last, work began on the kitchen/toilet project.which had been planned for quite some time. The route for the drainage/sewer work was rather a headache. The initial plan was to take the pipework under the grass and dig down seven metres beside the boundary wall in order to join up with main drainage in Church Street. I had visions of tons of soil heaped up eveywhere on the frontage of the Church. Thankfully an idea was presented that we could ask the Strode Room Trustees to allow us to join up with their main drainage which they were happy to agree to. The very first day while excavating under the Mort House floor to accommodate the waste pipes from the new Toilet and out under the West Door some human remains were found. This meant that work had to cease immediately until the Archaelogist we had retained could come and advise. In the event, he thought that it would be best to leave these remains in place and work around the problem. In the event several other human remains were discovered in the churchyard. These were removed with dignity by the Archaelogist as they were in line with the drainage route and reburied by the Rector as close to their original site as possible with a short service. Other individual bones that were found were placed in a small coffin and buried in the churchyard with appropriate words from the Rector.

The work continued without any major problems including the covering over of the steps outside the rear of the church to the basement with a ladder for access purposes. This has allowed new access for wheelchairs and prams which was not possible before. The provision of a wooden ramp inside the West Door and stone ramps inside and outside the South Door (installed by our Stonemason Ben Sabran) also gives better access to the Church. Ben also rebuilt the wall alongside the cobbled slope following some accidental partial demolition of it by a concrete delivery vehicle.

Having a toilet in the church and a cupboard with sink and running water for the Flower Arrangers and Cleaner has been a great asset. Also the additional kitchen units, oven and dishwasher (now in use) have been greatly appreciated by all concerned with hospitality.
It is hoped that some minor work to the kitchen floor will complete the look. As part of the project we purchased two trolleys to accommodate the tables which not only make it easier to

move them into the Church but are now stored neatly and safely. Some gold coloured long curtains provided by Chris and Pippa Luckcraft and altered by Christine Robinson were installed to successfully exclude the cold draught through the double West Doors. Thanks to them. The final cost of the Kitchen/Toilet is £236,482 but this may be slightly less as the final Architect fee included has not been agreed.

We were grateful to receive the gift of a fourth choir stall from Barry Gibb in memory of his wife. The other three choir stalls are currently on loan from St. Mary's Bridport but we hope to purchase them in 2025.

The repainting of the wooden external doors was carried out by members of the Fabric Committee and various other works were carried out by Ben Sabran. Ben has worked on this Church for about 30 years and he continues to do so, sometimes at very short notice. We are most grateful to him.

The lift continued to be a problem at times, but less money was spent on call-outs this year. 2025 will hopefully see the church lighting replaced (see below), fire alarms installed, stonework repaired and ceiling mould removed in line with the Quinquenial Report of 2023. I am grateful to the Fabric Committee, in particular Gillian Perrott for her help with Faculties and Rudi Simmons for his advice and input. Also those volunteers involved in work in the Churchyard in 2024.who helped to keep it looking beautiful with the sowing of wild flower seeds and removal of unwanted self-sown trees or shrubsand some mowing. Thanks also to our now retired grass mower David Ennals for his splendid work.

Judith Hansen Churchwarden

Church Lighting Report 2024

After the concerns of the cost of the kitchen and toilet lead to a hold on the church lighting project in 2023, work on specifying the replacement of the main church lighting has now taken place. A lighting design company has been selected, the company having been responsible for the new lighting system at Bradpole church, who are happy with the design and the way the lights work. Estimates were obtained for the installation of the system from 3 companies, all were very close, and the company used by Bradpole was decided on. There are a few outstanding items to be decided, including the location of the switches and control box. Also, the Hillary Chapel up lights will need to be modified to use LED bulbs, this task is ongoing.
The program for the lighting is now:

1. Obtain the PCC's approval for the cost and design. (Note: Completed early 2025)
2. Obtain the church architect's approval for the design. (Note: Completed early 2025)
3. Submit to the DAC the faculty for the system
4. Find a solution for the Hillary Chapel lights
5. Discuss with the supplier and installer an agreed time when the work can be carried out, taking note of the requirements for the use of the church This should take place during the summer.

Rudi Simmonds (Chair of Fabric subcommittee)

THE BEAMINSTER AREA TEAM MINISTRY: ANNUAL CLERGY REPORT TO THE PARISHES 2024

This is my fifteenth Annual Report to the Parishes of the Beaminster Area and I would wish to record my deep appreciation to all those who work tirelessly in all our churches. Holding any office in the church is an onerous task and I thank all Church Wardens, Treasurers, PCC members, Deanery Synod and Team Council members for their tireless work throughout the past twelve months.
I would also like to thank all those who have given their time as Lay Pastoral Assistants, Bereavement Visitors, Messy Church and Lay Worship Leaders. Further thanks go to the many often unseen yet heard people who do so much to keep our churches worshipping and functioning; musicians and singers, bell ringers, flower arrangers, sides people, cleaners, church yard keepers, office volunteers, caterers, fundraisers, - the list is endless so please accept my apologies if I have missed you off it

This year has been one of ups and downs for our parishes. At long last the work to update the kitchen and put a toilet into the church in Beaminster has come to fruition whilst the churchyard environmental project goes from strength to strength with the addition of a water feature and a beehive. Sadly, the ongoing need to replace the lighting in church has been fraught with difficulties. We are indebted to the Friends of St Mary's for their support in the project. Down the road at Netherbury work has been undertaken to clean and repaint the face of the clock. There have also been several small projects completed and again we are thankful to the Friends of St Mary's Netherbury for their help and support. Over to Stoke Abbott and at last the cleaned and restored Clock mechanism was returned and major work was done to repair the church roof. Visitors still enjoy seeing the sheep grazing the churchyard in due season. Back to Melplash who have had to have roof work and guttering repairs which was hindered when damage to some windows occurred during the winter storms and work is still ongoing to complete their repairs. At South Perrott their heating boilers broke down and thanks to CW Christine heating was maintained by the supply of hot water bottles and blankets whilst the new boilers were fitted. More roofing repairs have been undertaken at SalwayAsh, and excellent environmental care of the churchyard continues. At the united parishes of Broadwindsor with Blackdown and Burstock the scandal of the chiming church clock still rumbles on and an application to redecorate Blackdown church has been made. At Mosterton whilst no major repair work has taken place the wonderful support of the local community has helped with the annual churchyard clean ups. Hooke has also had ongoing window repairs and looming over Toller Porcorum is the major repairs to the Church roof whilst legalism collided with semantics over the new notice board. Meanwhile under the care of CW Steven, Seaborough remains a beautiful haven of peace and quiet. I have not forgotten Drimpton who's faithful few have kept the Spirit alive whilst all the legal work on the future of the building grinds on.

Whilst I see the importance of maintaining our church buildings, I do feel that they take most of our energies which prevent much needed outreach and mission in our parishes……. However, in her contribution to the report I am sure that Jo will share about all the wonderful things that have been going on in terms of mission. Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to Jo, Barbara and Charlie and all our Partner Priests for their help and support over the year and to Harry and Amanda for all their support with our media and communication platforms and Office Admin.

Revd Canon David Baldwin

In terms of mission and outreach 2024 was a year of carrying on and consolidating. I want to thank all our amazing volunteers and staff team who enable all this activity. Messy Church continues to be well attended on Saturday mornings, monthly, both inside and outside the building. Highs included a hugely busy Good Friday session and the building of a bug hotel to go into the church yard at St Mary's Beaminster. Baby and Toddler group thrives on a Monday morning. In July we said goodbye to our second cohort to graduate from toddler group to primary school and we enjoy seeing them in our school collective worships week by week. We have had plenty of new babies join us and almost all our baptism enquiries now come from toddler group or end up at toddler group having been baptised. We have fewer baptisms in the team per year than pre Covid, but a much better ongoing connection with our baptism families.

We continue to offer collective worship in our primary schools each week, in the senior school termly and at festival times for Mountjoy School. Our relationships with schools continue to be close and fruitful and this is an area of work where we could do more if we increased our capacity. We secured funding to recruit for a Team Family and Community worker at the end of 2024 but have not yet been able to recruit.

Gin Church continues weekly on a Thursday online and we also offer a weekly online worship service on YouTube. Both are well received and well attended, providing good pastoral and discipleship support. We appointed a new Team administrator in 2024 and Amanda is integral to the revamp of the office space as it becomes a central hub for the team.

We continue to provide spaces across the team to build social relationships through regular coffee mornings and weekly café drop-in sessions in some parishes in team. More occasional social and fundraising events happen in every parish. The Bereavement Cafe offers a monthly space to support people in grief and this is welcomed. Our Anti-Slavery service at Melplash was one of the social justice highlights of the year.

We often talk about the Beaminster Team being fifteen churches. But that only refers to the buildings. I think we might be better to talk about congregations. We have more congregations than buildings. We have congregations in our schools, online, on weekdays and Saturdays alongside our Sunday congregations. Some congregations are flourishing, others are fragile or feeling vulnerable, some are declining. If we take the image of the body of Christ from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 seriously then we realise that each congregation has its part to play in the body. No one congregation is more important or more inferior. We celebrate with those who are doing well, and we suffer alongside those who are suffering. It is my opinion that to become more resilient, to flourish, to encourage each other and to share in each other's challenges we need to work more closely together as the churches and congregations of the Beaminster Team. The time of isolationism must end so we can support each other more effectively. We need to know better what is going on across our team, we need to listen better to each other, we need to share our resources and expertise more generously. We must pray and worship together regularly. We were all rocked by the dreadful safeguarding revelations of the Church of England both nationally and locally. If we want our congregations to be safer, more welcoming, more open, more vibrant, more led by the Spirit of God then we must be better at working together, seeing ourselves as essential parts of the dynamic and living body of Christ here in the Beaminster Team.

Revd Canon Jo Neary

Report on the meetings of the Deanery Synod for 2024

As in previous years three meeting were held.

I attended all meeting, the first with Ann Crawford, who decided to step down at the 2024 APCM. Ann has been one of the representatives for many years and has usually produced the annual report; I think she deserves many thanks for all her service.

<u>The first meeting was held in February at LATCH, Little Cheney</u>

The Archdeacon of Dorset, The Venerable Antony Macrow-Wood gave a presentation on the changes and rationale of calculating the Parish Share in the future.

The meeting was held on a Saturday morning, which included prior to the meeting coffee and informal chats – and Bacon Rolls! (Which I think is a good way to start any meeting)

<u>The second meeting was held in July at Loders Village Hall</u>

The plans for the Synod display at the Melplash Show were presented and discussed. A new flag with the legend `Making Jesus Known` has been obtained for the show and was on display.

Revd. Jonathan Herbert, chaplain to Gypsy, Roma and Travelling People, gave a very interesting description of the history and life of Gypsies Romas and Travellers. His talk covered many anecdotes concerning the various families he had come to know and was illustrated with photographs. He said that Travellers held Clergy in respect and took seriously Christian traditions although their lifestyle varied. They welcomed Christians as visitors to their sites.

<u>The final meeting was held in November here at St Mary's, Beaminster</u>

An update on the success of Melplash show tent and plans for the future was given.

Archdeacon Dorset, The Venerable Antony Macrow-Wood attended the meeting for a second time this year, giving a brief revision of how Diocese finances were conducted. He then dealt in detail with the submitted questions on Parish Share. There followed a robust discussion with members and visitors.

A written question was then presented for submission as follows:

`This synod asks the bishops how each of them stands on the issue of the rejection of Assisted Dying as currently proposed in Parliament. '

The Lay Chair confirmed that the question would be presented to Diocesan Bishops.

Rudi Simmonds

Baby and Toddler Group

2024 was another happy year for the group, which celebrated its third birthday in May. We meet on Monday mornings during term time, with play from 10 - 11:15, when everyone joins in 'tidy up time', and we settle down to enjoy a story together, sing songs, and finish with a prayer at 11:30. During 2024, we started 'setting up' for Toddlers after the 9:30 Sunday morning service, with members of the congregation helping to move chairs and get the toys out; we really appreciate this help, and the way it gives us a slightly calmer start to our Monday mornings. Another real blessing this year has been that, following all the work in church over the summer, we now have a cupboard in the vestry in which to store our larger toys – no longer do they have to be hidden in the old pulpit, with all the carrying and going up and down of steps that entailed. And of course, having a toilet in church is such a bonus. When we were unable to meet in church during the building work, we met up at the play area in the Memorial field, taking sand toys with us, and still enjoying our story and song time – apart from a couple of times when rain stopped play!

We have welcomed new families over the year but do still have some of the original families attending, with younger siblings of the toddlers they brought in 2021, who have now started school. Jo sees many of our children when she goes into our 4 church schools each week to lead worship, another very positive link between church and school. Some baptism preparation now happens on Monday mornings, as families enquiring about baptism for their children are encouraged to come to Toddlers, and it has been a joy for us to be able to attend some of the baptisms. Many of our families attend Messy Church regularly, and it was a good to see many of them at the Crib service on Christmas Eve.

Jo, Judith, Veronica, Emily and Barbara

Pastoral Care: Lay Pastoral Assistants

LPA's are a national feature of church life encouraged and trained by a Diocesan scheme to have a particular concern in caring for church members and for others in our wider community, supporting the pastoral care offered by the clergy and Staff Team. They are trained and authorised by the Diocese on the recommendation of the clergy and are required to have regular further supervision and training.

Those cared for by LPA's range from people who are sick or housebound, including taking communion out to some of them on a regular basis, regular visiting and pastoral contact.

For 2024 - 25 we have had three active LPA's trained and authorised to work in this way – Gill Perrot, Helen Smith, and Vivien McMurray under the direction of the Rector. Their names and phone numbers are printed in the magazine, but if you or someone you know feels that an LPA may be able to help someone you are asked to talk to the clergy in the first instance so that they know who is being supported in this way.

Revd. Prebendary Alastair Wheeler

St. Mary's Church Flower Arrangers

Our group of ladies provide festival flowers and pedestal arrangements which are changed once a week except for Advent and Lent. We have added to our number of flower group members and said farewell to others. Notably and due to ill health Evelyn Snell has had to step down and we are hopeful of her return if things change.

We delighted in arranging flowers for Easter, Harvest Festival and Christmas. Some of us also participated in dressing the church for the Beaminster Festival.

Rita Cowie still organises festival flowers and we are extremely pleased that Jean Owen continues to allocate group members to take turns in doing the pedestal arrangements. We are extremely grateful to both ladies for their active involvement.

Our flower ladies are stalwarts of virtue. They deliver exceptional arrangements on a regular basis. Judith our Church Warden and Vivien often keep our arrangements refreshed if they appear in need of hydration.

We continue to honour the town's commitment to a sustainable environment and that of the church, having won the sustainability award. We do not use Oasis flower foam. We include living plants in our when it is appropriate to do so.

At Christmas we went and celebrated over lunch at Haddon House Hotel, and we enjoy our fellowship throughout the year.

Eva Livingstone

St. Mary's Ringing Guild Report

We continued to ring for most services in 2024 including Easter, Christmas and New Year's Eve. We also rang half muffled for Remembrance Sunday.
During the year we welcomed visiting bands from Cambridge University, The Rambling Ringers and a combined band from Wimborne Minster and Exeter Cathedral who successfully scored a full peal on our bells. There were also a couple of quarter peals- or at least some enthusiastic attempts-by our own band. Our 'St. Mary's Safari' outing took us to four towers dedicated to St. Mary-all on the hottest day of the year!
We were pleased to welcome two new members to the Guild, one of whom is also learning to ring at Toller Porcorum. During the year Jill stood down as Tower Captain and Harry Murley returned to take on the role.
Looking ahead we are excited to be ringing for the VE80 commemorations in 2025 and are planning an outing in October to a, yet mystery location!

Harry Murley (Tower Captain)

Team Parish Safeguarding Officer Report for 2024

As advised in last year's annual report, there is now a requirement for all Church Wardens and members of a PCC to complete the Basic and Foundation Safeguarding training courses, with the Foundation course being updated every 3 years, and to complete the Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse course. It is good to be able to report that many people around the Team completed the courses online, via the Church of England National Safeguarding Team's online learning portal, and we also held an 'in person' Basic Awareness course in October, which 8 people attended. More in person courses are planned early in 2025.

All the necessary Safeguarding checks were carried out during the year. 8 DBS checks have been completed as needed, for those new to posts, and those requiring renewal. All safeguarding information is securely stored on the Diocesan DBS Microsite. During the year, we moved from Level 1 to Level 2 on the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard, which is an online tool that helps us keep track of safeguarding in our churches and keeps us up to date with local and national changes in safeguarding requirements.

The safeguarding statement required by the Diocese is on the front page of the Team website, and gives our contact details, as well as those of the Diocesan officers. Safeguarding has been an agenda item at all PCC meetings across the Team during the year. As a Team we have complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

The events in the National church, and those more locally, that came towards the end of the year, obviously gave us all cause for concern. They also highlighted how very important it is that we have due regard for all Safeguarding requirements, and make sure that all our procedures and training are kept up to date. Whatever we are doing in our churches, we need to ensure that they truly are safe and welcoming places, for all who come into them.

There are two things that are helpful to me that I would like to draw your attention to. Firstly, if you do any online training on the Church of England National Safeguarding Team's online learning portal (details of how to access this are on the Team website) could you please add my email in the section at the bottom of the 'New Account' page labelled 'Local Reporting', as I can then see what training courses you have completed.

Secondly, if you need a DBS for the role you hold, you will see in the email that comes to tell you that your DBS is complete that there is a section headed 'DBS Update Service'. It is very easy to register for this via the link in the email, and it means that in 3 years' time, when your DBS needs to be renewed, I will not need to verify any documents again. So, it saves both you and me time! You do need to let me know that you have registered with the update service, as this isn't automatically recorded on your records.

Barbara Simmonds (Beaminster Team Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Safeguarding Training Update April 2025

We have held the following in person courses so far this year:
Basic Awareness on 11/1/25, attended by 11 people
Foundations course on 25/1/25 attended by 17 people
Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse on 26/4/25 attended by 13 people

Music Report for 2024

In last year's report I was able to report that we had flourished and grown as a choir. This year the picture is less optimistic and, while we still manage to sing an anthem most Sundays, and lead the singing of the hymns etc., we have been down in numbers, mostly owing to ill health and family circumstances. Having gained Coral Dakin, returning to England after 30 or more years in Bermuda, a winter in Beaminster was enough to prompt the return to the island in the sun – and who can blame her. Others have struggled with ill health and scheduled operations for a range of problems – hips, knees, eyes – you know the kind of thing. In saying that, we remain cheerful and choir practice from 6.30 till 7.30 on a Friday evening is enjoyable, musical and good fun. If you can sing, then please do consider joining the choir. The concentration of a dozen or so voices next to the organ makes a real difference to the congregational singing and musical confidence.

As always, the published monthly music scheme helps to keep us all on track. Some of you might not be aware that this simple A4 sheet is pinned on the noticeboard and lists the hymns (by title), anthems and organ voluntaries for the month.

During the period covered by this report I was away for much of July, August and September. I am very grateful and thankful for the regular contributions made by our deputy organists Jonathan Delbridge and Simon Clarkson. As Canon David said to me, "I don't mind you having Sundays off as long as you always manage to find a replacement who is better than you – which you do". I am so happy to work with somebody who shares a very similar sense of humour to me. At least, I hope it was humour!

Once again, on 14th December 2024 we joined Malcolm Archer (Organ) and Winston Leese (Trumpet) at a really successful concert organized by Alex Schellenberg to raise funds for The Martin Schellenberg Music Trust (TMSMT). People in Beaminster are incredibly generous and many still remember Martin and appreciate the benefit of the music trust set up in his memory to help young people.

I will reiterate my sentiments from last year in saying that behind the scenes, there are some key people who assist greatly in keeping the music on track at church, namely Vivien McMurray, Dan Rootham and Brian Ridley. They are the unsung heroes of the choir and my gratitude to them is matched only by my thanks to Revd. Canon David Baldwin and Revd. Jo Neary.

Peter Nardone (Director of Music & Organist) May 2025

St. Mary's Church Beaminster Maintenance of the Churchyard 2024

The garden team in 2024 was still Keith and Ing-Marie with Fred continuing to cut paths in the wider churchyard area and the grass around the Memorial Stones. The cutting around memorial stones by Fred continues to be difficult with so many different things being used to hold flowers or just left as small offerings. The team also regularly removed old flowers from the memorial stones and composted them after removing plastic coverings etc. After Christmas in February, we cleared the memorial stones of wreaths, once again in the region of 30 which went in commercial waste bin as they contained a great deal of metal and plastic.

The rest of the team dealt with the weeding of borders and with the cutting of larger shrubs including a fast-growing Pyracantha, climbing Hydrangea etc. All the un-compostable waste was removed to the local rubbish tip in Bridport when possible. We filled quite a few bags with churchyard compost early in the year which was used by local people who required it. The rest was used on the churchyard borders when needed.

Noel Kingsley continued to prune roses when required, which he has done for the last few years.

Wildflower seeds were sown during 2022 along the Southwest wall. It has not been reseeded but continued to produce a good display with its perennial plants. The border has required continual weeding of nettles, thistles and docks etc.

We have continued not going to the churchyard on a specific day, but to go when we see something that requires attention, or a project that needs to be undertaken by the whole team or members of the team.

We continued to clear unwanted plants, such as Red Valerian and Ivy from the walls around the churchyard as we did last year which is of course ongoing if we are to prevent masonry work by stone masons in the future.

The lift border was not very well maintained during 2024 as we had been informed the work to the drains was likely to cut through it. This however did not happen. Once the work started though, many parts of the west side of the church yard were cordoned off making access quite difficult. Hopefully the coming year will be better.

Around the table tomb in the southwest corner, we previously cleared the area and used the church compost, to prepare it for sowing more mixed flower seeds. This was done, but with poor weather and the work being done at the church no further action was taken this year, and it will have to be repeated in 2025.

Another thing undertaken towards the end of 2024 was to prepare a plot on the border along the south wall for a beehive to be placed there in 2025.

David Enalls continued to cut the long grass as it rained last year so we could not use it for anything but compost. We continued as volunteers to rake up the grass after him. It is quite a hard job with so much raking to be done. However, Gill Perrot and a friend towards the end of the year cut the grass remaining to a height she required, and we assisted with removing it, also to the compost heap. We are unsure of what will happen during 2025 and who will be doing what and when with the high grass.

Keith and Ing-Marie

ECO Church Report for the APCM 2004

In February it was very encouraging to see bees busy on the wild plum tree & early flowering shrubs in the Churchyard. A recent Church of England decision to promote biodiversity on its land is very encouraging**.** This aims to give biodiversity "equal consideration with net zero carbon" as an urgent response to the "ecological crisis".

The Fairtrade Foundation celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2024. We marked this by our Fairtrade Coffee Morning on Saturday 9 March. This was held in St Mary's Church as we had outgrown the Strode Room. The many stallholders for Cakes, Fairtrade Goods, Second handbooks, Waste not Want not, Accessories, and a Raffle came from both the church and community.

It was extremely enjoyable and over £880 was made from donations, raffle & stalls. After accounting for goods already bought, we were able to donate £600 to Fairtrade Foundation.

In May we again focused on Global Justice by supporting Christian Aid week. Church and Community members were generous in cake making for the stall in the Square. This helped to highlight global poverty and adding a donation.

June 8 saw our annual Churchyard Count on Nature, part of a national campaign. Colin Varndell & Phil Gamble identified 88 species of flora some of which are rare. Children enjoyed bug hunting!

Messy Church in July took as the theme Jesus' story of the Wise & Foolish Builders. One of the crafts was to build a Bug Church. The first resident crawling on the floor was placed inside! The Bug Church now resides in the churchyard.

September saw St Mary's ECO Church taking part in both the Harvest Weekend and Beaminster's Big Green Day

At the end of the year, we placed a shallow rainwater feature in our wildlife area near the south wall of the churchyard. Some wildflower seeds were sown alongside the south wall on the soil spoil from the recent drainage connection.

Finally, as far as our carbon zero project is going, 2024 Octopus figures showed we imported 17,230 kWh Electricity and 16,183 kWh Gas (both on a green tariff) totalling 33,413 kWh. The cost was £4,439.5 Electricity and £1.525.41 Gas totalling £5,964.91. Our export to the grid for 2024 was 8,298 kWh for which we received £1,167.48. Accounting for this, energy cost us £4,797.43.
Our solar panels produced 12,860 kWh for the year, of which some was used by our ASHPs. The 2024 total CO2 emissions saved 5,801.03 kg equalling 351 trees planted!

Gillian Perrot

Beaminster
St. Mary's Academy

Where children come first; belonging and building together
Respect † Trust † Kindness † Friendship † Responsibility

BEAMINSTER ST MARY'S ACADEMY : SUMMARY OF 2023-24

A Year of Growth and Achievement

The past year has been an exceptional period of progress and development for our school, as we continue to go from strength to strength. We are delighted to report that pupil numbers have increased significantly, with enrolment rising by over 40 children, in the last 3 years—an encouraging reflection of the trust and confidence families place in our school community.

Our academic achievements reflect both our aspirations and our commitment to excellence. While Key Stage 2 (KS2) results were not yet fully aligned with our high expectations, we have seen remarkable improvements, particularly in writing, where 71% of pupils achieved the expected standard—an impressive increase from the previous year. Additionally, 59% of pupils met the benchmark in mathematics, showcasing their hard work and perseverance.

In Key Stage 1 (KS1), our results are a testament to the dedication of our staff and pupils. Our phonics check has been consistently outstanding, with a remarkable 95% pass rate this year, following exceptional performances in previous years (95% in 2022, 100% in 2023, and 95% in 2024). These results confirm the effectiveness of our approach and the unwavering commitment to building strong foundational skills in our young learners.

Although attendance remains slightly below pre-pandemic levels, we continue to compare favourably against other schools within our Hub. Recognising the importance of consistent school attendance, we work proactively with parents to support their children, even going so far as to provide transport solutions when needed. Our dedication to ensuring every child benefits from their education remains steadfast.

The **ASEC (Academy School Education Committee)** remains an integral part of our school's journey, offering essential challenge and support to help us refine and enhance our provision. This year, we experienced changes within the governing body, but our new members have quickly settled in, bringing a wealth of diverse skills to further strengthen our leadership.

Curriculum Innovation and Faith in Action. Our curriculum continues to evolve, ensuring our pupils receive an enriching and well-rounded education. This year, we have completely

rewritten our Science, Geography, and History topics, with further exciting developments planned for September, including the launch of our new **Religious Education (RE) curriculum**.

At the heart of our school's ethos lies our Biblical underpinning, which we refined last year by embracing the parable of **'The Lost Sheep'**. This meaningful story was officially launched at the church, where each class explored its significance and how it relates to their own lives. It has since become a guiding principle in reinforcing our belief that **everyone is valued and important**. Our newly crafted vision statement captures this spirit:

"We love each other, learn together, and inspire all to succeed."

Every day, we strive to develop the whole child—nurturing their character, faith, and academic potential—so that they can flourish and achieve their very best. With unwavering commitment and a shared vision for excellence, we look forward to another year of growth, achievement, and blessings.

Darren Marklew Headteacher

The Friends of St. Mary's Church' Beaminster

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's, Beaminster, was held on Thursday 20th February 2025 at 2.30pm.

Peter Brook, acting Chairman of the Friends, opened the proceedings by warmly welcoming all those who were attending. This was followed by The Reverend Canon David Baldwin who thanked the committee for their hard work and generous contributions towards the refurbishment to the Church over the past year.

Peter then explained in more detail that there had been two very successful events, a Jazz Concert in April which proved very popular, and a Flower Festival which was held in the Church during Harvest-time and brought many local traders and organisations together to create a colourful and meaningful occasion.

Two major projects were supported in 2024 with £50,000 being allocated towards the refurbishment of the kitchen and new W.C. and a further £10,000 for the installation of a CCTV system. Peter particularly mentioned Judith Hansen and gave his heart-felt thanks to her for all the hard work and dedication she's given over the past year in managing these projects. The election of the committee took place, and the result was as follows:

Peter Brook, Chairman; Amanda Fairchild, Secretary; Brian Ridley, Treasurer; Jane Evans, Events Manager; Sally Mallinson; Evelyn Snell; Sue Corner; Susannah and Tim Hills.

The committee was re-elected as a whole, apart from Dan Rootham, who has temporarily stepped down, and James Oldfield who has agreed to join the committee.

After the business side to the meeting was finalised, we were treated to a personal and very informative presentation by Tim and Susannah Hills on their charity, Fingerprints, based in Uganda. A delicious tea with sandwiches and home-made cakes concluded a very interesting afternoon.

Peter took the opportunity to remind us all of a special date to put in our diaries. This year the Friends of St Mary's celebrate their 25th anniversary and to mark this important occasion the Friends will hold a Church Service in St Mary's Church on 19th June at 2.30pm followed by tea in Peter and Maggie Brook's Garden.

Sue Corner

Friends Of St Mary's Church Beaminster

Income & Expenditure for the year ending 31st December 2024

Income	2023	2024
Donations	980.00	1260.00
Tax Recovery	232.50	194.25
Open Garden	593.75	
Jazz Concert		1410.20
Harvest		337.28
Steel Band	470.10	
Total Income	2276.35	3201.73
Expenditure		
Admin, photocopying, stationery etc	40.83	78.00
Bank Charges	70.68	67.30
Printing	119.00	
Jazz Concert		757.40
Advert		50.00
Harvest		46.36
Steel Band	50.00	
CCTV		9573.77
Kitchen		50000.00
Total Expenditure	280.51	60572.83
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	1995.84	-57371.10
Statement of Account		
Carried forward HSBC	5856.12	4851096
Carried forward CCLA	116358.37	124528.21
Total resources at start of year	122214.49	129380.17
Income	2276.35	3201.73

Interest on CCLA	5169.84	5728.71
Total Income	129660.68	138310.61
Less expenditure	280.51	60572.83
TOTAL	129380.17	77737.78
Represented by		
Cash		72.61
Balance at HSBC	4851.96	2908.25
Balance at CCLA	124528.21	74756.92
TOTAL	129380.17	77737.78

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ank statements and accounting records, and
und them correct.
inda le Breton (Examiner) 3rd February 202

Charity Registered No. 1133757

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. MARY OF THE ANNUNCIATION BEAMINSTER

Known as

St. Mary's Beaminster P.C.C.

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St. Mary Of The Annunciation Beaminster

Trustees' Report
For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Reference and Administration Details

- **Charity name:** The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary of the Annunciation Beaminster
- **Working name:** St. Mary's Beaminster P.C.C.
- **Charity registration number:** 1133757
- **Registered office address:** Beaminster Church Office, 8 Hogshill Street, Beaminster, DT8 3AE
- **Trustees and directors:**

Trustee name	Office (if any)
Revd David F B Baldwin	Rector – PCC Chair
Philip A V Crawford	
Judith A Hansen	Churchwarden
Marlene W G Jackaman	PCC - Chair Finance
Vivien McMurray	PCC - Secretary
Revd Joanna B Neary	Team Vicar
Gillian M Perrott	
John D Rootham	
Barbara A Simmonds	
Ronald C Simmonds	
James R Oldfield	
David Langridge	

- **Auditors (or independent examiners):** Mr M.J. Cridland B.A. (Hons) F.C.A., Scott Vevers Ltd, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, 65 East Street, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3LB
- **Bankers:** HSBC Bank plc & CCLA Investment Management Limited

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St. Mary Of The Annunciation Beaminster

Trustees' Report
For the year ended 31 December 2024

2. Structure, Governance, and Management

- **Governing document:** The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

- **Charitable objectives:**
  - Educating people about the religion
  - Pastoral care
  - Outreach
  - Missionary
  - Evangelical
  - MAKING JESUS KNOWN

- **Trustee appointment and recruitment:** Elected by members of the congregation at the Annual Meeting

- **Induction and training of trustees:** There is no induction process as such. When church members are elected to join the PCC, in all likelihood these people know the complexities of the Church of England's structure of governance. Newly elected people are placed into sub-committees, based on their particular known areas of expertise. These can range from administrative, finance, worship, etc.

- **Organisational structure:**
  Churchwarden, who along with the parish priest, is generally responsible for the day-to-day functioning of the church.

  PCC Secretary records the minutes of the meetings and deals with the administration arising from the meetings.

  Chair of Finance oversees the finances and liaises with the Church Treasurer.

  Chair of Fabric is responsible for the church building and keeping it in good repair

  Safe-Guarding Officer responsible for ensuring every PCC member attains the 'Basic and Foundation Safeguarding certificate'. In addition, training is given in 'Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse'

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St. Mary Of The Annunciation Beaminster

Trustees' Report
For the year ended 31 December 2024

3. Objectives and Activities

- **Summary of the charity's activities in the year:**
  - Making this church an integral part of the Beaminster Community.
  - Keeping a Grade 1 listed building in good repair which, in turn, is leaving a legacy for the future generations of this beautiful town.
  - Contributing to Christian Aid (trying to help others in deprived areas around the world)
  - Selecting worthwhile charities (home and oversees) and making annual donations.

- **Achievements and performance:**
  Events regularly held in addition to usual church services:
  Toddler Morning for pre-school children – Play/Story time/singing
  Walk in Wednesday – Coffee and chat and a warm place to be in the winter months.
  Messy Church – Based around a bible study theme, with craft related work finishing with worship. All ages.
  Bereavement – Group session initially based around Grave Talk discussion. Refreshments served and smaller group chats.

  Works undertaken:
  Installation of a toilet and kitchen renovation. CCTV installed.

  Fundraising :
  Over £3000 raised for Christian Aid in 2024. 1600 donation envelopes posted through doors in Beaminster.

  Charitable donations:
  3 Home Charities selected. £1000 sent to each – Prout Bridge, Beaminster, Weldmar Hospice Dorchester and Street Pastors, Weymouth
  3 Overseas' Charities – Save the Children in Gaza and Ukraine, Embrace the Middle East and Ripple Effect (formerly Send a Cow). £1000 send to each.

- **Plans for the future:**
  To install a new lighting system.
  To appoint a part time Family and Community Worker (to work across our Team of Churches).

4. Financial Review

The Financial Statements in previous years have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis and as the income for the year 2024 exceeds £250,000 the Financial Statements for 2024 require them to be prepared an accruals and prepayments basis. This has resulted in the 2024 comparative figures (2023) being restated to the new method of accounting and a prior year adjustment being made to the reserves.

There now is a requirement for the Financial Statements of 2024 that the Independent Examiners Report be prepared by a suitably qualified person.

- **Review of financial position:**
  The financial position of the Church is currently fairly healthy; although we have carried out extensive construction works this year we have been fortunate to receive donations from The Friends of St Marys and also legacies and a grant.

  Total incoming resources for the year were £315,707 (2023 - £124,422). There was a net deficit for the year of £23,675 (2023 – surplus of £11,291). Total funds at 31 December 2024 were £375,793 (2023 - £399,468) included restricted reserves of £1,726 (2023 - £1,897).

  The detailed income, expenditure and reserves figures are shown in our Annual Accounts reports.

- **Reserves policy:**
  The reserves are regularly reviewed. The PCC aims to ensure that sufficient reserves are held to meet anticipated expenditure.

  Legacy monies, not required for funding recent building works, are attracting interest with a 'secure' investment institution.

- **Investment policy:**
  We employ a bookkeeper, who is supervised by the Institute of Certified Bookkeepers. The Chair of Finance, along with the members of the Finance Committee discuss recommended investments made by her and take the recommendations to the full PCC committee meeting for their approval before any movement of monies.

  Monies on deposit are held in The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund managed by CCLA (Churches, Charities and Local Authorities) Investment Management Limited and HSBC and these accounts attract interest.

- **Principal risks and uncertainties:**
  Like all charitable institutions, the nation's economy affects our income and expenditure. We are expecting large increases in our insurance premium, heating bills, electricity bills. We have been claiming VAT refunds on eligible building works, but it has been announced these refunds

will be restricted to an annual maximum of £25,000 from 2025. We have obtained various grants, but basically, we rely on the goodwill of our church members to make regular giving and gift-aid is claimed wherever possible. We have recently implemented the Parish Giving Scheme and this scheme allows Gift Aid income on a monthly basis.

5. Governance and Management Arrangements

- **Committees:** PCC (Parochial Church Council); Sub-committees – Finance, Fabric & Standing
- **Internal controls:** Agreements made by committees/sub-committees
- **External advisors:** Accounts examined/audited by an established firm of accountants, namely Scott Vevers, Bridport.

6. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The PCC (trustees) are required under Charity law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the financial activities of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable laws and regulations. They are also responsible for ensuring that the charity maintains an adequate system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss or unauthorised use and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St. Mary Of The Annunciation Beaminster

Trustees' Report
For the year ended 31 December 2024

7. Public Benefit Statement

Under the Charities Act 2011 (or the relevant legislation in your jurisdiction), trustees must confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the charity's activities are carried out for the public benefit.

8. Conclusion

This report has been approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signature(s)	Rev Canon David Baldwin	Marlene Jackaman
Full name(s)	Revd Canon David Baldwin	Marlene Jackaman
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair – Beaminster PCC	Chair - Finance
Date	10.3.25	10.3.25

Report Of The Independent Examiner To The Trustees Of The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St. Mary Of The Annunciation Beaminster

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 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 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.

M. C. Cridland

Mr. M. J. Cridland B.A. (Hons) F.C.A
Scott Vevers Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
65 East Street
Bridport
Dorset
DT6 3LB

Date: 13/03/25

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary Of The Annunciation Beaminster

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Restated Total Funds 2023 £
Income					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4	222,101	20	222,121	83,596
Charitable activities	5	78,701	-	78,701	29,474
Investment income	6	14,849	36	14,885	11,352
Total income		315,651	56	315,707	124,422
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	339,155	227	339,382	113,131
Total expenditure		339,155	227	339,382	113,131
Net income before transfers		(23,504)	(171)	(23,675)	11,291
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movements in funds		(23,504)	(171)	(23,675)	11,291
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		397,571	1,897	399,468	388,177
Total funds carried forward		374,067	1,726	375,793	399,468

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The church has no recognised gains or losses for the year other than the results above.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary Of The Annunciation Beaminster

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	Restated 2023 £	Restated 2023 £
Current assets					
Debtors	10	2,606		4,119	
Cash at bank and in hand		377,066		397,166	
		379,672		401,285	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(3,879)		(1,817)	
Net assets			375,793		399,468
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	12		1,726		1,897
Unrestricted funds	12		374,067		397,571
Total charity funds			375,793		399,468

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10/03/2025

Rev Canon David Baldwin
Chair - Beaminster PCC

Marlene Jackaman
Chair - Finance

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

1 General information

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary Of The Annunciation Beaminster is a charity, established on 26 January 2010. The address of the registered office is provided in reference and administrative details. Details of the charity's operations are provided in the Report of the Trustees.

2 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with 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), (Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Income

Voluntary income including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income from tax reclaims are included in the statement of financial activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Income derived from events is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support programme activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and all deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangement entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transactions. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for similar debt instruments.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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2 Accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

3 Change in accounting policy

The preparation of the Financial Statements in previous years was under the Receipts and Payments basis. In 2024 the income has exceeded £250,000 and therefore the basis of the preparation of the Financial Statements is now on an Accruals basis. The Financial Statements for 2023 have thus been restated to conform with the Accruals and Prepayments basis and a prior year adjustment to reserves made.

4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
		Restated		Restated		Restated
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary giving	43,953	44,124	20	3,625	43,973	47,749
Gift Aid recoverable	10,292	9,815	-	-	10,292	9,815
Legacies	105,000	23,132	-	-	105,000	23,132
Outreach	3,282	2,900	-	-	3,282	2,900
Friends of St. Mary's	59,574	-	-	-	59,574	-
	222,101	79,971	20	3,625	222,121	83,596

Voluntary giving includes Stewardship and Parish Giving scheme.
Gift Aid includes direct reclaim from HMRC and from Parish Giving scheme.

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5 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
		Restated		Restated		Restated
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Activities for generating funds	4,087	4,456	-	-	4,087	4,456
Church activities	13,830	11,481	-	-	13,830	11,481
Other incoming resources	416	122	-	-	416	122
	18,333	16,059	-	-	18,333	16,059
Other income						
Other income	(200)	200	-	-	(200)	200
Donations collected for others	27	-	-	-	27	-
CAF	156	156	-	-	156	156
Grant received	25,000	-	-	-	25,000	-
VAT recovered	35,385	13,059	-	-	35,385	13,059
	60,368	13,415	-	-	60,368	13,415
	78,701	29,474	-	-	78,701	29,474

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
		Restated		Restated		Restated
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank and other interest	14,849	11,334	36	18	14,885	11,352
	14,849	11,334	36	18	14,885	11,352

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
		Restated		Restated		Restated
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct costs	321,521	97,949	227	2,746	321,748	100,695
Support costs	17,634	12,436	-	-	17,634	12,436
	339,155	110,385	227	2,746	339,382	113,131
Direct costs:						
Overheads	61,731	61,021	-	-	61,731	61,021
Receipts disbursed	3,599	3,589	-	-	3,599	3,589
Church building and grounds	20,061	26,199	227	2,621	20,288	28,820
Mission and	-	133	-	-	-	133
Project expenditure	228,386	2,880	-	-	228,386	2,880
Donations	6,027	3,127	-	125	6,027	3,252
Other expenditure	1,717	1,000	-	-	1,717	1,000
	321,521	97,949	227	2,746	321,748	100,695
Support costs:						
Services support	17,512	12,298	-	-	17,512	12,298
Bank charges	122	138	-	-	122	138
	17,634	12,436	-	-	17,634	12,436

8 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses in respect of their services as a trustee from the charity during the year.

9 Net income

Net income is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	1,794	594

10 Debtors

		Restated
	2024	2023
	£	£
Operational debtors	160	-
Other debtors and accrued income	2,446	4,119
	2,606	4,119

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11 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	Restated 2023
	£	£
Operational creditors	854	-
Other creditors and accruals	3,025	1,817
	3,879	1,817

12 Analysis of funds

	Restated at 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Bells	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Electrical/sound system	879	-	(207)	-	672
Maintenance	-	20	(20)	-	-
Other	18	36	-	-	54
	1,897	56	(227)	-	1,726
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	397,571	315,651	(339,155)	-	374,067
Total Funds	**399,468**	**315,707**	**(339,382)**	**-**	**375,793**

	At 1 January 2023	*Incoming resources*	*Resources expended*	*Transfers*	*Restated at 31 December 2023*
	£	*£*	*£*	*£*	*£*
Restricted Funds					
Bells	*1,000*	-	-	-	*1,000*
Electrical/sound system	-	*3,500*	*(2,621)*	-	*879*
Other	-	*143*	*(125)*	-	*18*
	1,000	*3,643*	*(2,746)*	-	*1,897*
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	*387,177*	*120,779*	*(110,385)*	-	*397,571*
Total Funds	***388,177***	***124,422***	***(113,131)***	**-**	***399,468***

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13 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2024	Restated 2023	2024	Restated 2023	2024	Restated 2023
	£		£		£	£
Current assets	377,946	399,388	1,726	1,897	379,672	401,285
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(3,879)	(1,817)	-	-	(3,879)	(1,817)
Net assets	374,067	397,571	1,726	1,897	375,793	399,468

14 Financial instruments

Categorisation of financial instruments

	2024	Restated 2023
	£	£
Financial assets that are debt instrument measured at amortised cost	377,226	397,166
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	3,879	1,817

Items of income, expense, gains or losses

The total interest income for financial assets not measured at fair value through profit or loss is £14,885 (2023 - £11,352).

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St. Mary Of The Annunciation Beaminster

Annual Accounts
1st January - 31st December 2024

Prepared by
Suzanne Flux

Prepared on
3 March 2025

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Finance Committee Report

It has been a very busy year with the large amount of building works taking place; the major projects undertaken included the kitchen/toilet works and CCTV installation.
In 2024 the kitchen and toilet works totalled £217,700 and the CCTV works £10,600; the lighting works are now due to take place in 2025.

We were very fortunate to have been able to obtain a grant of £25,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation towards the kitchen works, many thanks to James Oldfield for applying for this money.
The Friends of Beaminster were also very generous and provided funding of £50,000 towards the kitchen and £9,600 towards the CCTV installation.
We also obtained grants from DCMS of £36,000 for reclaiming VAT on eligible building works throughout the year, we also successfully passed an additional audit on these claims.

As shown on the balance sheet, despite the high level of expenditure we are still in a fortunate position to have a healthy balance in our Fabric Accounts, but due diligence must be applied to future expenditure. This balance has been possible because of the grants and donations mentioned above and also some legacies and generous donations kindly received (£107,000)

From the accounts you will notice we are showing a surplus on the 2024 General Account of £1259 (£14,433 deficit for 2023); this surplus would have been a deficit had we not transferred £30,000 from the Fabric account. This is a worrying trend; as we mentioned last year we also need suggestions for fund raising events and enthusiastic people to help.

We have implemented the Parish Giving Scheme to receive planned donations (this allows us to get Gift Aid income on a monthly rather than annual basis), we need regular committed income to try and fund the increasing rising day to day costs.

The General Account is our 'housekeeping account', where our day to day running costs are met. Our biggest outlay is the Parish Share, rising over recent years from £50,045 in 2018 to £54,648.11 in 2024; Our 2025 share will be £62,012. Another big outlay in 2024 was our annual insurance premium of £8525, this increased due to the building work.

One item of concern is the deficit of income relating to Team News, our cost was £3,340 but we only received £2,734 plus £180 in 2025 meaning that £426.00 was not recovered, this relates to copies given away free or if left in Church any payment cannot be separately identified. Although some copies are given out free to new people moving to the area, we feel that this is one area that needs to be investigated so we do not "lose" out so much going forward.

As the income in 2024 has been higher than previous years we are required to prepare our Accounts on an Accruals basis rather than Receipts & Payments; the 2023 financial statements have been re-stated and prior year adjustments made to reserves.

Thanks to the Finance Committee for their valued input at our meetings and to David Baldwin and the PCC members for their support during the year.

We have re-appointed Scott Vevers as our independent examiner for 2024.

Suzanne Flux (Treasurer) - 3rd March 2025

Year End:Balance Sheet 2024

As of December 31, 2024

	As of Dec 31, 2024	As of Dec 31, 2023 (PP)	Total Change
FIXED ASSET			
Total Fixed Asset			**0.00**
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND			
CCLA CCLA	16,793.03	15,946.61	846.42
CCLA Fabric CCLA Fabric	189,202.61	227,439.53	-38,236.92
HSBC BMM Fabric	148,125.78	100,512.56	47,613.22
HSBC BMM Restricted Funds	54.32	18.62	35.70
Restricted funds - bells	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Restricted funds - electrical/sound system	671.86	878.86	-207.00
Restricted funds - maintenance	0.00		0.00
Restricted funds - organ	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total HSBC BMM Restricted Funds	**1,726.18**	**1,897.48**	**-171.30**
HSBC Fabric account	6,740.20	39,773.68	-33,033.48
HSBC General account	14,342.18	11,180.81	3,161.37
HSBC Stewardship account	135.00	415.00	-280.00
Total Cash at bank and in hand	**377,064.98**	**397,165.67**	**-20,100.69**
DEBTORS			
Debtors	2,606.16	4,118.58	-1,512.42
Total Debtors	**2,606.16**	**4,118.58**	**-1,512.42**
NET CURRENT ASSETS	**379,671.14**	**401,284.25**	**-21,613.11**
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
Trade Creditors			
Creditors	3,879.16	1,816.62	2,062.54

			Total
	As of Dec 31, 2024	As of Dec 31, 2023 (PP)	Change
Total Trade Creditors	3,879.16	1,816.62	2,062.54
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3,879.16	1,816.62	2,062.54
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	375,791.98	399,467.63	-23,675.65
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	375,791.98	399,467.63	-23,675.65
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£375,791.98	£399,467.63	£ -23,675.65
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Opening Balance Equity	509,641.37	509,641.37	0.00
Retained Earnings	-110,173.74	-110,173.74	0.00
Profit for the year	-23,675.65		-23,675.65
Total Capital and Reserves	£375,791.98	£399,467.63	£ -23,675.65

Year End:Income and Expenditure by Class 2024

January - December 2024

	CCLA	CCLA Fabric	Fabric	General	Restricted	Stewardship	TOTAL
INCOME							
1100 Voluntary giving				54,484.51			54,484.51
1200 Outreach				3,281.63			3,281.63
1300 Activities for generating funds				4,086.66			4,086.66
1500 Church Activities				13,830.00			13,830.00
1600 Other incoming resources				415.55			415.55
5110 CAF (Fabric)			156.00				156.00
5120 VAT recovered			35,385.33				35,385.33
5160 Donation Income Unrestricted (Fabric)			59,573.77				59,573.77
5400 Grants (Fabric)			25,000.00				25,000.00
LEGUN Legacy Income Unrestricted (Fabric)			105,000.00				105,000.00
STEWGIFT Gift Aid recovered (Stewardship)						9,311.68	9,311.68
STEWINCOME Stewardship income						26,690.00	26,690.00
Uncategorised Income				-200.00			-200.00
Total Income	**0.00**	**0.00**	**225,115.10**	**75,898.35**	**0.00**	**36,001.68**	**337,015.13**
GROSS PROFIT	**0.00**	**0.00**	**225,115.10**	**75,898.35**	**0.00**	**36,001.68**	**337,015.13**
EXPENSES							
2100 Overheads				61,731.11			61,731.11
2200 Receipts Disbursed				3,599.31			3,599.31
2300 Services Support				17,513.05			17,513.05
2400 Church Building & Grounds				20,286.17			20,286.17
2700 Other Expenditure				1,716.88			1,716.88
4300 Project 3 - Kitchen and Toilet			217,732.76				217,732.76
4500 Project 5 - Church Lighting			57.00				57.00
4700 Project 7 - CCTV			10,596.71				10,596.71
4999 Bank charges (Fabric)			61.60				61.60
5600 Donations (Fabric)			6,000.00				6,000.00
STEWCHAR Bank charges (Stewardship)						60.00	60.00
Total Expenses	**0.00**	**0.00**	**234,448.07**	**104,846.52**	**0.00**	**60.00**	**339,354.59**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**0.00**	**0.00**	**-9,332.97**	**-28,948.17**	**0.00**	**35,941.68**	**-2,339.46**
OTHER INCOME							
CCLAINT Interest (CCLA)	831.98						831.98
CCLAINTF Interest (CCLA Fabric)		10,959.65					10,959.65

	CCLA	CCLA Fabric	Fabric	General	Restricted	Stewardship	TOTAL
FABINT Interest (Fabric funds)			3,058.16				3,058.16
FROMCCLAFABRIC Transfer from CCLA Fabric			50,000.00				50,000.00
FROMGATOREST Transfer from General to Restricted					20.00		20.00
FROMREST Transfer from Restricted to General				227.00			227.00
INCAW Anne Woodward retirement collection				649.00			649.00
INCCAID Christian Aid (income)				3,155.92			3,155.92
INCDON Donations collected for others (income)				27.05			27.05
INCEAST Easter Offerings (income)				652.70			652.70
INCFRI Friends Flower Festival (income)				100.00			100.00
INFF Transfer from Fabric Account				30,000.00			30,000.00
RESTINT Interest (Restricted funds)					35.70		35.70
Total Other Income	**831.98**	**10,959.65**	**53,058.16**	**34,811.67**	**55.70**	**0.00**	**99,717.16**
OTHER EXPENSES							
EXPAW Anne Woodward retirement donation				649.00			649.00
EXPCAID Christian Aid				3,155.92			3,155.92
EXPDON Donations collected for others				27.05			27.05
EXPEAST Easter Offerings				652.70			652.70
EXPFRI Friends Flower Festival				100.00			100.00
INRESTG Transfer to General Account (from Restricted)					227.00		227.00
STEWGEN Transfer to General Account						36,221.68	36,221.68
TOFABFROMCCLA Transfer to Fabric from CCLA Fabric		50,000.00					50,000.00
TOGA Transfer to General Account (from Fabric)			30,000.00				30,000.00
TOREST Transfer to Restricted BMM from General				20.00			20.00
Total Other Expenses	**0.00**	**50,000.00**	**30,000.00**	**4,604.67**	**227.00**	**36,221.68**	**121,053.35**
NET OTHER INCOME	831.98	-39,040.35	23,058.16	30,207.00	-171.30	-36,221.68	-21,336.19
NET INCOME	£831.98	£ -39,040.35	£13,725.19	£1,258.83	£ -171.30	£ -280.00	£ -23,675.65

Year End:Income and Expenditure - General Year End

January - December 2024

	Total		
	Jan - Dec 2024	Jan - Dec 2023 (PY)	Change
INCOME			
1100 Voluntary giving	54,484.51	53,880.18	604.33
1200 Outreach	3,281.63	2,900.31	381.32
1300 Activities for generating funds	4,086.66	4,456.41	-369.75
1500 Church Activities	13,830.00	11,480.86	2,349.14
1600 Other incoming resources	415.55	122.37	293.18
Uncategorised Income	-200.00	200.00	-400.00
Total Income	**75,898.35**	**73,040.13**	**2,858.22**
GROSS PROFIT	**75,898.35**	**73,040.13**	**2,858.22**
EXPENSES			
2100 Overheads	61,731.11	61,021.45	709.66
2200 Receipts Disbursed	3,599.31	3,588.97	10.34
2300 Services Support	17,513.05	12,303.15	5,209.90
2400 Church Building & Grounds	20,286.17	28,817.86	-8,531.69
2500 Mission & Outreach		133.00	-133.00
2600 Donations		66.80	-66.80
2700 Other Expenditure	1,716.88	1,000.00	716.88
Total Expenses	**104,846.52**	**106,931.23**	**-2,084.71**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**-28,948.17**	**-33,891.10**	**4,942.93**
OTHER INCOME			
FROMREST Transfer from Restricted to General	227.00	2,671.14	-2,444.14
INCAW Anne Woodward retirement collection	649.00		649.00
INCCAID Christian Aid (income)	3,155.92	1,900.74	1,255.18
INCCASH Cash (income)		452.00	-452.00
INCDON Donations collected for others (income)	27.05		27.05
INCEAST Easter Offerings (income)	652.70	655.00	-2.30
INCFRI Friends Flower Festival (income)	100.00		100.00
INFF Transfer from Fabric Account	30,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total Other Income	**34,811.67**	**20,678.88**	**14,132.79**
OTHER EXPENSES			
EXPAW Anne Woodward retirement donation	649.00		649.00
EXPCAID Christian Aid	3,155.92	1,900.74	1,255.18
EXPDON Donations collected for others	27.05		27.05
EXPEAST Easter Offerings	652.70	625.00	27.70
EXPFRI Friends Flower Festival	100.00		100.00
EXPGIFT Gifts		452.00	-452.00
TOREST Transfer to Restricted BMM from General	20.00	50.00	-30.00

	Total		
	Jan - Dec 2024	Jan - Dec 2023 (PY)	Change
Total Other Expenses	**4,604.67**	**3,027.74**	**1,576.93**
NET OTHER INCOME	**30,207.00**	**17,651.14**	**12,555.86**
NET INCOME	**£1,258.83**	**£ -16,239.96**	**£17,498.79**

Year End:Income and Expenditure - Fabric Year End

January - December 2024

	Total		
	Jan - Dec 2024	Jan - Dec 2023 (PY)	Change
INCOME			
5110 CAF (Fabric)	156.00	156.00	0.00
5120 VAT recovered	35,385.33	13,058.52	22,326.81
5150 Donation Income Restricted TBC (Fabric)		3,625.00	-3,625.00
5160 Donation Income Unrestricted (Fabric)	59,573.77		59,573.77
5400 Grants (Fabric)	25,000.00		25,000.00
LEGUN Legacy Income Unrestricted (Fabric)	105,000.00	23,132.20	81,867.80
Total Income	**225,115.10**	**39,971.72**	**185,143.38**
GROSS PROFIT	**225,115.10**	**39,971.72**	**185,143.38**
EXPENSES			
4100 Project 1 - Boundary Wall		277.02	-277.02
4300 Project 3 - Kitchen and Toilet	217,732.76	1,981.50	215,751.26
4400 Project 4 - Air source heat pump		132.00	-132.00
4500 Project 5 - Church Lighting	57.00	432.00	-375.00
4700 Project 7 - CCTV	10,596.71	57.00	10,539.71
4998 Gold ECO Church award		96.00	-96.00
4999 Bank charges (Fabric)	61.60	67.80	-6.20
5600 Donations (Fabric)	6,000.00	3,125.00	2,875.00
Total Expenses	**234,448.07**	**6,168.32**	**228,279.75**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**-9,332.97**	**33,803.40**	**-43,136.37**
OTHER INCOME			
FABINT Interest (Fabric funds)	3,058.16	512.56	2,545.60
FROMCCLAFABRIC Transfer from CCLA Fabric	50,000.00		50,000.00
Total Other Income	**53,058.16**	**512.56**	**52,545.60**
OTHER EXPENSES			
TOFABBMM Transfer to Fabric BMM		0.00	0.00
TOGA Transfer to General Account (from Fabric)	30,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
TORESTFAB Transfer to Restricted BMM from Fabric		4,500.00	-4,500.00
Total Other Expenses	**30,000.00**	**19,500.00**	**10,500.00**
NET OTHER INCOME	**23,058.16**	**-18,987.44**	**42,045.60**
NET INCOME	**£13,725.19**	**£14,815.96**	**£ -1,090.77**

Year End:Income and Expenditure - Restricted Year End

January - December 2024

	Total		
	Jan - Dec 2024	Jan - Dec 2023 (PY)	Change
INCOME			
Total Income			**0.00**
GROSS PROFIT	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
EXPENSES			
Total Expenses			**0.00**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
OTHER INCOME			
FROMFAB Transfer from Fabric to Restricted		4,500.00	-4,500.00
FROMGATOREST Transfer from General to Restricted	20.00	50.00	-30.00
RESTINT Interest (Restricted funds)	35.70	18.62	17.08
Total Other Income	**55.70**	**4,568.62**	**-4,512.92**
OTHER EXPENSES			
INRESTG Transfer to General Account (from Restricted)	227.00	2,671.14	-2,444.14
Total Other Expenses	**227.00**	**2,671.14**	**-2,444.14**
NET OTHER INCOME	**-171.30**	**1,897.48**	**-2,068.78**
NET INCOME	**£ -171.30**	**£1,897.48**	**£ -2,068.78**

Year End:Income and Expenditure - CCLA Fabric Year End

January - December 2024

	Jan - Dec 2024	Jan - Dec 2023 (PY)	Total Change
INCOME			
Total Income			**0.00**
GROSS PROFIT	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
EXPENSES			
Total Expenses			**0.00**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
OTHER INCOME			
CCLAINTF Interest (CCLA Fabric)	10,959.65	10,113.06	846.59
Total Other Income	**10,959.65**	**10,113.06**	**846.59**
OTHER EXPENSES			
TOFABFROMCCLA Transfer to Fabric from CCLA Fabric	50,000.00		50,000.00
Total Other Expenses	**50,000.00**	**0.00**	**50,000.00**
NET OTHER INCOME	**-39,040.35**	**10,113.06**	**-49,153.41**
NET INCOME	**£ -39,040.35**	**£10,113.06**	**£ -49,153.41**

NOTE

Please note that CCLA accounts are reported on a quarterly basis.

Year End:Income and Expenditure - CCLA Year End

January - December 2024

	Jan - Dec 2024	Jan - Dec 2023 (PY)	Total Change
INCOME			
Total Income			**0.00**
GROSS PROFIT	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
EXPENSES			
Total Expenses			**0.00**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
OTHER INCOME			
CCLAINT Interest (CCLA)	831.98	709.05	122.93
Total Other Income	**831.98**	**709.05**	**122.93**
NET OTHER INCOME	**831.98**	**709.05**	**122.93**
NET INCOME	**£831.98**	**£709.05**	**£122.93**

NOTE

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Year End:Income and Expenditure - Stewardship Year End

January - December 2024

	Total		
	Jan - Dec 2024	Jan - Dec 2023 (PY)	Change
INCOME			
STEWGIFT Gift Aid recovered (Stewardship)	9,311.68	9,815.56	-503.88
STEWINCOME Stewardship income	26,690.00	32,453.00	-5,763.00
Total Income	**36,001.68**	**42,268.56**	**-6,266.88**
GROSS PROFIT	**36,001.68**	**42,268.56**	**-6,266.88**
EXPENSES			
STEWCHAR Bank charges (Stewardship)	60.00	65.00	-5.00
Total Expenses	**60.00**	**65.00**	**-5.00**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**35,941.68**	**42,203.56**	**-6,261.88**
OTHER EXPENSES			
STEWGEN Transfer to General Account	36,221.68	42,208.56	-5,986.88
Total Other Expenses	**36,221.68**	**42,208.56**	**-5,986.88**
NET OTHER INCOME	**-36,221.68**	**-42,208.56**	**5,986.88**
NET INCOME	**£ -280.00**	**£ -5.00**	**£ -275.00**

Notes to the Accounts

Notes from the independent examiners :

NONE

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