

## **Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Laurence & All Saints Eastwood**

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are attached.

### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiners Statement.**

My examination was carried out remotely this year and in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act: or
  - to prepare accounts, which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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15<sup>th</sup> February 2025

# St Laurence & All Saints Eastwood Leigh on Sea Charity No - 1133762

## Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Receipts</b>						
<b>Planned giving</b>						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	20,885.00	240.00	—	—	21,125.00	22,185.00
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	2,640.36	—	620.00	—	3,260.36	3,377.01
0201 - Other planned giving	118.11	—	—	—	118.11	—
<b>Planned giving Totals</b>	<b>23,643.47</b>	<b>240.00</b>	<b>620.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>24,503.47</b>	<b>25,562.01</b>
<b>Collections and other giving</b>						
0301 - Loose plate collections	4,947.70	—	152.33	—	5,100.03	4,479.06
0302 - Loose plate collections - One-off Env	—	—	—	—	—	—
0310 - Loose plate collections - non GASDS	—	—	—	—	—	—
0401 - Gift day	—	—	—	—	—	—
0405 - Wall Safe	187.66	—	—	—	187.66	182.14
<b>Collections and other giving Totals</b>	<b>5,135.36</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>152.33</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5,287.69</b>	<b>4,661.20</b>
<b>Other voluntary receipts</b>						
0501 - One-off Gift Aid Gifts	5,044.61	—	240.00	—	5,284.61	6,128.49
0550 - Donations appeals etc	1,817.63	728.59	303.68	—	2,849.90	4,746.56
0551 - Charity - Misc	—	—	635.00	—	635.00	79.00
0552 - Charity - Build Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—
0553 - Charity - Disaster Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
0554 - Charity - Leprosy	—	—	7.50	—	7.50	—
0555 - Charity - Compassion UK	—	—	—	—	—	—
0560 - Donations - Flower Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
0570 - Donations - Honey Bees	—	—	—	—	—	302.25
0571 - Donations - Messy Church	—	—	5.20	—	5.20	11.00
0576 - Donations - Outreach Events	—	—	—	—	—	—
0701 - Legacies	—	2,000.00	—	—	2,000.00	32,855.14
0801 - Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	—	—	—	855.00
<b>Other voluntary receipts Totals</b>	<b>6,862.24</b>	<b>2,728.59</b>	<b>1,191.38</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>10,782.21</b>	<b>44,977.44</b>
<b>Gift Aid recovered</b>						
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	7,180.42	30.00	223.75	—	7,434.17	7,776.66
0602 - GASDS - Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	1,282.13	—	—	—	1,282.13	1,378.76
<b>Gift Aid recovered Totals</b>	<b>8,462.55</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>223.75</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8,716.30</b>	<b>9,155.42</b>
<b>Other receipts</b>						
1201 - Church - Wdgs/Funls Cleaning & Heating	50.00	—	—	—	50.00	80.00
1202 - Churchyard - B of A/Fnls Cleaning	—	—	—	—	—	—
1203 - Use of Hymnal Technology - Wdgs/Funls	—	—	550.00	—	550.00	705.00
1204 - Travel expenses incurred for Funerals	—	—	—	—	—	48.00
1207 - Verger Fees not taken	—	—	445.00	—	445.00	750.00

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
1310 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Other receipts Totals</b>	50.00	—	995.00	—	1,045.00	1,583.00
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>						
0901 - Fundraising	1,990.50	—	—	—	1,990.50	1,903.38
0902 - Fundraising - Winter Wonderland	1,073.21	—	—	—	1,073.21	1,196.67
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Activities for generating funds Totals</b>	3,063.71	—	—	—	3,063.71	3,100.05
<b>Investment Income</b>						
1001 - Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
1020 - Bank and building society interest	0.35	863.29	5,457.90	—	6,321.54	3,780.83
<b>Investment Income Totals</b>	0.35	863.29	5,457.90	—	6,321.54	3,780.83
<b>Receipts from church activities</b>						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	1,445.00	—	3,528.00	—	4,973.00	5,143.00
1205 - Ashes Memorial Fees	230.00	—	—	—	230.00	260.00
1206 - Memorial Book	—	—	—	—	—	—
1230 - Church hall lettings	—	24,626.54	—	—	24,626.54	25,028.04
<b>Receipts from church activities Totals</b>	1,675.00	24,626.54	3,528.00	—	29,829.54	30,431.04
<b>Receipts Grand totals</b>	48,892.68	28,488.42	12,168.36	—	89,549.46	123,250.99

## Payments

### Cost of generating funds

1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	—	—	—	—	—	—
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1720 - Costs of stewardship	127.44	—	—	—	127.44	70.40
1730 - Costs of fundraising	40.46	—	—	—	40.46	487.43
1731 - Costs of fundraising - Winter Wonderland	—	—	—	—	—	—
1732 - Costs of events	954.77	—	—	—	954.77	40.85
<b>Cost of generating funds Totals</b>	1,122.67	—	—	—	1,122.67	598.68

### Missionary and Charitable Giving

1801 - Charity - Misc	—	—	804.33	—	804.33	453.86
1830 - Charity - Disaster Fund	—	—	—	—	—	500.00
1840 - Charity - Leprosy mission	—	—	218.75	—	218.75	121.10
1850 - Charity - Build Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—
1860 - Charity - Compassion UK	—	—	768.00	—	768.00	704.00
<b>Missionary and Charitable Giving Totals</b>	—	—	1,791.08	—	1,791.08	1,778.96

### Parish Share

1910 - Ministry parish share etc	36,958.40	—	—	—	36,958.40	43,170.96
<b>Parish Share Totals</b>	36,958.40	—	—	—	36,958.40	43,170.96

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
<b>Clergy and Staffing costs</b>						
2001 - Organists	—	—	—	—	—	—
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	138.89	—	—	—	138.89	—
2102 - Working expenses of the curate	113.00	—	—	—	113.00	—
2109 - Interregnum Fees & Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	556.53
2130 - Vicarage expenses	5,189.76	—	—	—	5,189.76	—
2131 - Curate's House expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2150 - Vicar's telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
2151 - Curate's telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Clergy and Staffing costs Totals</b>	<b>5,441.65</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5,441.65</b>	<b>556.53</b>
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>						
1700 - Contingency budget	—	—	—	—	—	—
2170 - Education	—	—	—	—	—	—
2201 - Parish training and mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
2202 - Parish mission: Honey Bees	—	—	—	—	—	—
2203 - Parish mission: Outreach	—	—	428.49	—	428.49	335.90
2204 - Parish mission: Messy Church	—	—	408.21	—	408.21	435.85
2205 - Parish mission: Junior Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
2301 - Church running - insurance	1,844.18	—	—	—	1,844.18	1,777.54
2310 - Church running - telephone	519.00	—	—	—	519.00	438.00
2315 - Church running - technology	—	—	331.58	—	331.58	113.10
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	—	—	—	—	—	804.00
2330 - Church maintenance	282.37	906.00	—	—	1,188.37	1,073.99
2331 - Cleaning	—	—	—	—	—	—
2340 - Upkeep of services	1,809.45	—	—	—	1,809.45	993.88
2345 - Upkeep of services - Flowers	—	—	66.50	—	66.50	81.96
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	—	—	3,364.96	—	3,364.96	2,891.56
2351 - Ashes Memorial	—	—	—	—	—	—
2360 - Administration	—	—	—	—	—	168.99
2361 - Travel	—	—	—	—	—	12.50
2362 - Church Bank Account Charges	320.94	—	—	—	320.94	353.89
2401 - Church running - electric	3,718.21	—	—	—	3,718.21	3,781.48
2410 - Church running - gas	—	—	—	—	—	—
2420 - Church running - water	87.74	—	—	—	87.74	76.39
2501 - Magazine expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	—	149.98	—	—	149.98	—
<b>Church Running Expenses Totals</b>	<b>8,581.89</b>	<b>1,055.98</b>	<b>4,599.74</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>14,237.61</b>	<b>13,339.03</b>
<b>Hall Running Costs</b>						
2515 - Hall running - manager	—	600.00	—	—	600.00	600.00
2530 - Hall running - electricity	—	4,631.57	—	—	4,631.57	3,897.02
2540 - Hall running - gas	—	123.08	—	—	123.08	61.44
2550 - Hall running - insurance	—	1,681.69	—	—	1,681.69	1,859.20
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	—	1,977.80	—	—	1,977.80	1,909.29
2561 - Hall running - repairs	—	36,215.97	—	—	36,215.97	1,280.27
2563 - Hall running - Bank Account Charges	—	112.14	—	—	112.14	119.39
2565 - Hall running - materials	—	1,041.71	—	—	1,041.71	827.19
2580 - Hall running - water	—	247.63	—	—	247.63	58.46
2595 - Hall running - cleaning	—	4,817.00	—	—	4,817.00	4,785.00
2596 - Hall running - refuse collection	—	1,442.34	—	—	1,442.34	1,202.72
<b>Hall Running Costs Totals</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>52,890.93</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>52,890.93</b>	<b>16,599.98</b>

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
<b>Church Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>						
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	—	2,700.00	180.00	—	2,880.00	1,955.52
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	5,839.08
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Church Repairs &amp; Maintenance Totals</b>	—	2,700.00	180.00	—	2,880.00	7,794.60
<b>Hall Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>						
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Hall Repairs &amp; Maintenance Totals</b>	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Governance Costs</b>						
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Governance Costs Totals</b>	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Payments Grand totals</b>	52,104.61	56,646.91	6,570.82	—	115,322.34	83,838.74

**St Laurence & All Saints Eastwood Leigh on Sea Charity No - 1133762**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)**

**As at: 31 December 2024**

		<b>Balance</b>	<b>Previous balance</b>
<b>Investments</b>			
<b>6430: Tithe Chancel CCLA CB3004472 - Asset</b>			
Tithe Chancel Fund	Endowment	19,539.74	18,594.23
		<b>19,539.74</b>	<b>18,594.23</b>
<b>6431: S P Bowman CCLA CB3004374 - Asset</b>			
S P Bowman	Endowment	1,549.22	1,514.56
		<b>1,549.22</b>	<b>1,514.56</b>
	<b>Investments</b>	<b>21,088.96</b>	<b>20,108.79</b>
<b>Tangible assets</b>			
<b>6432: Church hall - Building - Asset</b>			
Church hall - building	Restricted	988,201.00	988,201.00
		<b>988,201.00</b>	<b>988,201.00</b>
<b>6433: Church hall - Contents - Asset</b>			
Church hall - contents	Restricted	28,824.00	28,824.00
		<b>28,824.00</b>	<b>28,824.00</b>
	<b>Tangible assets</b>	<b>1,017,025.00</b>	<b>1,017,025.00</b>
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>			
<b>6501: 207973 00595136 - No 1 Account - Church - Asset</b>			
General fund	Unrestricted	6,915.24	5,511.52
Upkeep of Churchyard	Restricted	2,482.53	1,732.42
Disaster Fund	Restricted	443.77	438.77
Donations - Coffee Morning	Designated	1,228.61	650.00
Fabric Fund	Designated	34,639.18	36,245.18
Fabric Fund	Restricted	505.00	—
Flower Fund	Restricted	386.60	415.60
Honey Bees	Restricted	872.71	965.44
Leprosy	Restricted	—	10.00
Organ Fund	Restricted	430.30	430.30
Refurbishment	Designated	7,302.84	7,302.84
Refurbishment	Restricted	920.94	920.94
Technology Fund	Designated	2,784.02	2,514.02
Technology Fund	Restricted	221.35	401.42
Travel Trust	Restricted	1,252.50	1,252.50
Youth Ministry	Restricted	1,503.95	1,886.56
Agency collection	Restricted	—	49.00
		<b>61,889.54</b>	<b>60,726.51</b>
<b>6502: 207973 40485306 - No 2 Account - Hall - Asset</b>			
Hall	Designated	4,981.51	21,245.90
		<b>4,981.51</b>	<b>21,245.90</b>

		Balance	Previous balance
<b>6510: CCLA (CBF) General CB3022392 - Asset</b>			
General fund	Unrestricted	7.03	6.68
		<u>7.03</u>	<u>6.68</u>
<b>6511: CCLA (CBF) Technology Fund CB3022393 - Asset</b>			
Technology Fund	Restricted	14.51	13.78
		<u>14.51</u>	<u>13.78</u>
<b>6512: CCLA (CBF) Church Hall CB3022395 - Asset</b>			
Hall	Designated	2,237.73	18,374.44
		<u>2,237.73</u>	<u>18,374.44</u>
<b>6513: CCLA (CBF) Disaster Fund CB3022396 - Asset</b>			
Disaster Fund	Restricted	1.72	1.64
		<u>1.72</u>	<u>1.64</u>
<b>6514: CCLA (CBF) Churchyard CB3022397 - Asset</b>			
Upkeep of Churchyard	Restricted	6.96	6.61
		<u>6.96</u>	<u>6.61</u>
<b>6515: CCLA (CBF) Youth Ministry CB3022399 - Asset</b>			
Youth Ministry	Restricted	17,524.69	16,641.40
		<u>17,524.69</u>	<u>16,641.40</u>
<b>6516: CCLA (CBF) Refurbishment CB3022400 - Asset</b>			
Refurbishment	Restricted	27.93	26.53
		<u>27.93</u>	<u>26.53</u>
<b>6517: CCLA (CBF) Fabric Fund CB3022401 - Asset</b>			
Fabric Fund	Designated	58,000.00	58,000.00
Fabric Fund	Restricted	31,381.21	26,876.13
		<u>89,381.21</u>	<u>84,876.13</u>
<b>6518: CCLA (CBF) Travel Trust Fund CB3022402 - Asset</b>			
Travel Trust	Restricted	494.31	469.40
		<u>494.31</u>	<u>469.40</u>
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		<u>176,567.14</u>	<u>202,389.02</u>
<b>Agency accounts</b>			
<b>6699: Agency collections - Liability</b>			
Agency collection	Restricted	—	49.00
		<u>—</u>	<u>49.00</u>
<b>Agency accounts</b>		<u>—</u>	<u>49.00</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<u><u>1,214,681.10</u></u>	<u><u>1,239,473.81</u></u>

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## Receipts and payments

Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Note	From To	01 January 2024 31 December 2024	01 January 2023 31 December 2023
<b>General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Planned giving			
Gift Aid - Bank		20,885.00	21,915.00
Gift Aid - Envelopes		2,640.36	2,117.01
Other planned giving		118.11	—
	<i>Total Planned giving</i>	<i>23,643.47</i>	<i>24,032.01</i>
Collections and other giving			
Loose plate collections		4,947.70	4,371.70
Wall Safe		187.66	182.14
	<i>Total Collections and other giving</i>	<i>5,135.36</i>	<i>4,553.84</i>
Other voluntary receipts			
One-off Gift Aid Gifts		5,044.61	5,858.49
Donations appeals etc		1,817.63	3,167.72
Non-recurring one-off grants		—	855.00
	<i>Total Other voluntary receipts</i>	<i>6,862.24</i>	<i>9,881.21</i>
Gift Aid recovered			
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		7,180.42	7,397.91
GASDS - Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme		1,282.13	1,378.76
	<i>Total Gift Aid recovered</i>	<i>8,462.55</i>	<i>8,776.67</i>
Other receipts			
Church - Wdgs/Funls Cleaning & Heating		50.00	80.00
Travel expenses incurred for Funerals		—	48.00
	<i>Total Other receipts</i>	<i>50.00</i>	<i>128.00</i>
Activities for generating funds			
Fundraising		1,990.50	1,903.38
Fundraising - Winter Wonderland		1,073.21	1,196.67
	<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	<i>3,063.71</i>	<i>3,100.05</i>
Investment Income			
Bank and building society interest		0.35	0.21
	<i>Total Investment Income</i>	<i>0.35</i>	<i>0.21</i>
Receipts from church activities			
Fees for weddings and funerals		1,445.00	1,789.00
Ashes Memorial Fees		230.00	260.00
	<i>Total Receipts from church activities</i>	<i>1,675.00</i>	<i>2,049.00</i>
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>48,892.68</b>	<b>52,520.99</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Cost of generating funds			
Costs of stewardship		127.44	70.40
Costs of fundraising		40.46	487.43
Costs of events		954.77	40.85
	<i>Total Cost of generating funds</i>	<i>1,122.67</i>	<i>598.68</i>
Parish Share			
Ministry parish share etc		36,958.40	43,170.96
	<i>Total Parish Share</i>	<i>36,958.40</i>	<i>43,170.96</i>

<i>Note</i>	<i>From To</i>	<b>01 January 2024 31 December 2024</b>	<b>01 January 2023 31 December 2023</b>
Clergy and Staffing costs			
Working expenses of incumbent		138.89	—
Working expenses of the curate		113.00	—
Interregnum Fees & Expenses		—	556.53
Vicarage expenses		5,189.76	—
<i>Total Clergy and Staffing costs</i>		<i>5,441.65</i>	<i>556.53</i>
Church Running Expenses			
Parish mission: Outreach		—	22.71
Church running - insurance		1,844.18	1,777.54
Church running - telephone		519.00	438.00
Organ / piano tuning		—	804.00
Church maintenance		282.37	475.19
Upkeep of services		1,809.45	964.93
Administration		—	18.99
Church Bank Account Charges		320.94	353.89
Church running - electric		3,718.21	3,781.48
Church running - water		87.74	76.39
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>		<i>8,581.89</i>	<i>8,713.12</i>
Church Repairs & Maintenance			
Church major repairs - structure		—	464.28
<i>Total Church Repairs &amp; Maintenance</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>464.28</i>
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>52,104.61</b>	<b>53,503.57</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		(3,211.93)	(982.58)
Brought forward balance		5,518.20	6,999.58
Transfers to/(from)		4,616.00	(498.80)
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>6,922.27</b>	<b>5,518.20</b>

#### **BAfrica - Build Africa (Restricted) Fund**

Brought forward balance	—	—
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

#### **Charities - Charities Fund (Restricted) Fund**

##### **Receipts**

Collections and other giving			
Loose plate collections		144.33	107.36
<i>Total Collections and other giving</i>		<i>144.33</i>	<i>107.36</i>
Other voluntary receipts			
One-off Gift Aid Gifts		20.00	—
Charity - Misc		635.00	79.00
<i>Total Other voluntary receipts</i>		<i>655.00</i>	<i>79.00</i>
Gift Aid recovered			
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		5.00	—
<i>Total Gift Aid recovered</i>		<i>5.00</i>	<i>—</i>
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>804.33</b>	<b>186.36</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Missionary and Charitable Giving			
Charity - Misc		804.33	453.86
<i>Total Missionary and Charitable Giving</i>		<i>804.33</i>	<i>453.86</i>
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>804.33</b>	<b>453.86</b>

Note	From To	01 January 2024 31 December 2024	01 January 2023 31 December 2023
		—	(267.50)
		—	—
		—	267.50
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Compassion - Compassion UK Fund (Restricted) Fund</b>			
<b>Payments</b>			
Missionary and Charitable Giving			
Charity - Compassion UK		768.00	704.00
<i>Total Missionary and Charitable Giving</i>		<i>768.00</i>	<i>704.00</i>
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>768.00</b>	<b>704.00</b>
		(768.00)	(704.00)
		—	4.70
		768.00	699.30
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Churchyard - Upkeep of Churchyard (Restricted) Fund</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Planned giving			
Gift Aid - Envelopes		80.00	160.00
<i>Total Planned giving</i>		<i>80.00</i>	<i>160.00</i>
Other voluntary receipts			
Donations appeals etc		0.01	—
<i>Total Other voluntary receipts</i>		<i>0.01</i>	<i>—</i>
Gift Aid recovered			
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		20.00	35.00
<i>Total Gift Aid recovered</i>		<i>20.00</i>	<i>35.00</i>
Other receipts			
Verger Fees not taken		445.00	750.00
<i>Total Other receipts</i>		<i>445.00</i>	<i>750.00</i>
Investment Income			
Bank and building society interest		42.41	41.62
<i>Total Investment Income</i>		<i>42.41</i>	<i>41.62</i>
Receipts from church activities			
Fees for weddings and funerals		3,528.00	3,354.00
<i>Total Receipts from church activities</i>		<i>3,528.00</i>	<i>3,354.00</i>
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>4,115.42</b>	<b>4,340.62</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Church Running Expenses			
Upkeep of churchyard		3,364.96	2,891.56
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>		<i>3,364.96</i>	<i>2,891.56</i>
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>3,364.96</b>	<b>2,891.56</b>
		750.46	1,449.06
		1,739.03	289.97
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>2,489.49</b>	<b>1,739.03</b>

Note	From To	01 January 2024 31 December 2024	01 January 2023 31 December 2023
<b>DefibFnd - Defibrillator Fund (Designated) Fund</b>			
Brought forward balance		—	34.00
Transfers to/(from)		—	(34.00)
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>DefibFnd - Defibrillator Fund (Restricted) Fund</b>			
Brought forward balance		—	50.00
Transfers to/(from)		—	(50.00)
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Disaster - Disaster Fund (Restricted) Fund</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Planned giving			
Gift Aid - Envelopes		—	30.00
<i>Total Planned giving</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>30.00</i>
Other voluntary receipts			
One-off Gift Aid Gifts		—	150.00
Donations appeals etc		—	350.00
<i>Total Other voluntary receipts</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>500.00</i>
Gift Aid recovered			
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		5.00	52.50
<i>Total Gift Aid recovered</i>		<i>5.00</i>	<i>52.50</i>
Investment Income			
Bank and building society interest		0.08	0.05
<i>Total Investment Income</i>		<i>0.08</i>	<i>0.05</i>
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>5.08</b>	<b>582.55</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Missionary and Charitable Giving			
Charity - Disaster Fund		—	500.00
<i>Total Missionary and Charitable Giving</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>500.00</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		5.08	82.55
Brought forward balance		440.41	357.86
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>445.49</b>	<b>440.41</b>

**CoffMorn - Donations - Coffee Morning (Designated) Fund****Receipts**

Other voluntary receipts

Donations appeals etc

728.59

650.00

*Total Other voluntary receipts*

728.59

650.00

**Total receipts****728.59****650.00****Payments**

Church Running Expenses

Other PCC property upkeep

149.98

—

*Total Church Running Expenses*

149.98

—

**Total payments****149.98****—**

Excess of Receipts over Payments

578.61

650.00

Brought forward balance

650.00

—

**Total carried forward balance****1,228.61****650.00****Fabric - Fabric Fund (Designated) Fund****Receipts**

Other voluntary receipts

Legacies

2,000.00

32,855.14

*Total Other voluntary receipts*

2,000.00

32,855.14

**Total receipts****2,000.00****32,855.14****Payments**

Church Running Expenses

Church maintenance

906.00

—

*Total Church Running Expenses*

906.00

—

Church Repairs &amp; Maintenance

Church major repairs - structure

2,700.00

—

Church major repairs - installation

—

5,240.28

*Total Church Repairs & Maintenance*

2,700.00

5,240.28

**Total payments****3,606.00****5,240.28**

Excess of Receipts over Payments

(1,606.00)

27,614.86

Brought forward balance

94,245.18

66,977.33

Transfers to/(from)

—

(347.01)

**Total carried forward balance****92,639.18****94,245.18**

**Fabric - Fabric Fund (Restricted) Fund****Receipts**

Planned giving		
Gift Aid - Envelopes	540.00	1,030.00
<i>Total Planned giving</i>	<u>540.00</u>	<u>1,030.00</u>
Gift Aid recovered		
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	145.00	192.50
<i>Total Gift Aid recovered</i>	<u>145.00</u>	<u>192.50</u>
Investment Income		
Bank and building society interest	4,505.08	2,635.73
<i>Total Investment Income</i>	<u>4,505.08</u>	<u>2,635.73</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>5,190.08</b>	<b>3,858.23</b>

**Payments**

Church Running Expenses		
Church maintenance	—	598.80
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>598.80</u>
Church Repairs & Maintenance		
Church major repairs - structure	180.00	1,491.24
Church major repairs - installation	—	598.80
<i>Total Church Repairs &amp; Maintenance</i>	<u>180.00</u>	<u>2,090.04</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>180.00</b>	<b>2,688.84</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	5,010.08	1,169.39
Brought forward balance	26,876.13	25,359.73
Transfers to/(from)	—	347.01
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>	<b>31,886.21</b>	<b>26,876.13</b>

**Flower - Flower Fund (Restricted) Fund****Receipts**

Planned giving		
Gift Aid - Envelopes	—	20.00
<i>Total Planned giving</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Other voluntary receipts		
One-off Gift Aid Gifts	30.00	35.00
Donations appeals etc	—	45.00
<i>Total Other voluntary receipts</i>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>80.00</u>
Gift Aid recovered		
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	7.50	13.75
<i>Total Gift Aid recovered</i>	<u>7.50</u>	<u>13.75</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>37.50</b>	<b>113.75</b>

**Payments**

Church Running Expenses		
Upkeep of services	—	28.95
Upkeep of services - Flowers	66.50	81.96
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>	<u>66.50</u>	<u>110.91</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>66.50</b>	<b>110.91</b>

<i>Note</i>	<i>From To</i>	<b>01 January 2024 31 December 2024</b>	<b>01 January 2023 31 December 2023</b>
	Excess of Receipts over Payments	(29.00)	2.84
	Brought forward balance	415.60	412.76
	<b>Total carried forward balance</b>	<b>386.60</b>	<b>415.60</b>
<b>Hall - Hall (Designated) Fund</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
	Investment Income		
	Bank and building society interest	863.29	570.60
	<i>Total Investment Income</i>	<i>863.29</i>	<i>570.60</i>
	Receipts from church activities		
	Church hall lettings	24,626.54	25,028.04
	<i>Total Receipts from church activities</i>	<i>24,626.54</i>	<i>25,028.04</i>
	<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>25,489.83</b>	<b>25,598.64</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
	Hall Running Costs		
	Hall running - manager	600.00	600.00
	Hall running - electricity	4,631.57	3,897.02
	Hall running - gas	123.08	61.44
	Hall running - insurance	1,681.69	1,859.20
	Hall running - maintenance	1,977.80	1,909.29
	Hall running - repairs	36,215.97	1,280.27
	Hall running - Bank Account Charges	112.14	119.39
	Hall running - materials	1,041.71	827.19
	Hall running - water	247.63	58.46
	Hall running - cleaning	4,817.00	4,785.00
	Hall running - refuse collection	1,442.34	1,202.72
	<i>Total Hall Running Costs</i>	<i>52,890.93</i>	<i>16,599.98</i>
	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>52,890.93</b>	<b>16,599.98</b>
	Excess of Receipts over Payments	(27,401.10)	8,998.66
	Brought forward balance	39,620.34	30,621.68
	Transfers to/(from)	(5,000.00)	—
	<b>Total carried forward balance</b>	<b>7,219.24</b>	<b>39,620.34</b>
<b>ChHIBdng - Church hall - building (Restricted) Fund</b>			
	Brought forward balance	988,201.00	988,201.00
	<b>Total carried forward balance</b>	<b>988,201.00</b>	<b>988,201.00</b>



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### ChHICntnt - Church hall - contents (Restricted) Fund

Brought forward balance	28,824.00	28,824.00
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>	<b>28,824.00</b>	<b>28,824.00</b>

### HoneyBees - Honey Bees (Restricted) Fund

#### Receipts

##### Other voluntary receipts

Donations appeals etc	291.27	412.83
Donations - Honey Bees	—	302.25

*Total Other voluntary receipts* 291.27 715.08

#### Total receipts

**291.27 715.08**

Excess of Receipts over Payments

291.27 715.08

Brought forward balance

965.44 634.36

Transfers to/(from)

(384.00) (384.00)

#### Total carried forward balance

**872.71 965.44**

### Leprosy - Leprosy (Restricted) Fund

#### Receipts

##### Other voluntary receipts

One-off Gift Aid Gifts	190.00	85.00
Donations appeals etc	—	27.35
Charity - Leprosy	7.50	—

*Total Other voluntary receipts* 197.50 112.35

##### Gift Aid recovered

Tax recoverable on Gift Aid

11.25 10.00

*Total Gift Aid recovered* 11.25 10.00

#### Total receipts

**208.75 122.35**

#### Payments

##### Missionary and Charitable Giving

Charity - Leprosy mission

218.75 121.10

*Total Missionary and Charitable Giving* 218.75 121.10

#### Total payments

**218.75 121.10**

Excess of Receipts over Payments

(10.00) 1.25

Brought forward balance

10.00 8.75

#### Total carried forward balance

**— 10.00**

<i>Note</i>	<i>From To</i>	<b>01 January 2024 31 December 2024</b>	<b>01 January 2023 31 December 2023</b>
<b>Organ - Organ Fund (Restricted) Fund</b>			
Brought forward balance		430.30	430.30
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>430.30</b>	<b>430.30</b>
<b>Refurbmt - Refurbishment (Designated) Fund</b>			
Brought forward balance		7,302.84	7,302.84
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>7,302.84</b>	<b>7,302.84</b>
<b>Refurbmt - Refurbishment (Restricted) Fund</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Investment Income			
Bank and building society interest		1.40	0.83
<i>Total Investment Income</i>		<i>1.40</i>	<i>0.83</i>
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>1.40</b>	<b>0.83</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		1.40	0.83
Brought forward balance		947.47	946.64
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>948.87</b>	<b>947.47</b>
<b>Technology - Technology Fund (Designated) Fund</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Planned giving			
Gift Aid - Bank		240.00	250.00
<i>Total Planned giving</i>		<i>240.00</i>	<i>250.00</i>
Gift Aid recovered			
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		30.00	75.00
<i>Total Gift Aid recovered</i>		<i>30.00</i>	<i>75.00</i>
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>270.00</b>	<b>325.00</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		270.00	325.00
Brought forward balance		2,514.02	2,189.02
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>		<b>2,784.02</b>	<b>2,514.02</b>

**Technology - Technology Fund (Restricted) Fund****Receipts**

Planned giving		
Gift Aid - Bank	—	20.00
<i>Total Planned giving</i>	—	20.00
Gift Aid recovered		
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	30.00	—
<i>Total Gift Aid recovered</i>	30.00	—
Other receipts		
Use of Hymnal Technology - Wdgs/Funls	550.00	705.00
<i>Total Other receipts</i>	550.00	705.00
Investment Income		
Bank and building society interest	0.73	0.43
<i>Total Investment Income</i>	0.73	0.43
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>580.73</b>	<b>725.43</b>

**Payments**

Church Running Expenses		
Parish mission: Outreach	428.49	313.19
Church running - technology	331.58	113.10
Administration	—	150.00
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>	760.07	576.29
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>760.07</b>	<b>576.29</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	(179.34)	149.14
Brought forward balance	415.20	266.06
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>	<b>235.86</b>	<b>415.20</b>

**Travel - Travel Trust (Restricted) Fund****Receipts**

Investment Income		
Bank and building society interest	24.91	14.58
<i>Total Investment Income</i>	24.91	14.58
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>24.91</b>	<b>14.58</b>

**Payments**

Church Running Expenses		
Travel	—	12.50
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>	—	12.50
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>12.50</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	24.91	2.08
Brought forward balance	1,721.90	1,719.82
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>	<b>1,746.81</b>	<b>1,721.90</b>

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# **Youth - Youth Ministry (Restricted) Fund**

## **Receipts**

Planned giving		
Gift Aid - Envelopes	—	20.00
<i>Total Planned giving</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Collections and other giving		
Loose plate collections	8.00	—
<i>Total Collections and other giving</i>	<u>8.00</u>	<u>—</u>
Other voluntary receipts		
Donations appeals etc	12.40	93.66
Donations - Messy Church	5.20	11.00
<i>Total Other voluntary receipts</i>	<u>17.60</u>	<u>104.66</u>
Investment Income		
Bank and building society interest	883.29	516.78
<i>Total Investment Income</i>	<u>883.29</u>	<u>516.78</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>908.89</b>	<b>641.44</b>

## **Payments**

Church Running Expenses		
Parish mission: Messy Church	408.21	435.85
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>	<u>408.21</u>	<u>435.85</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>408.21</b>	<b>435.85</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	500.68	205.59
Brought forward balance	18,527.96	18,322.37
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>	<b>19,028.64</b>	<b>18,527.96</b>

# **Bowman - S P Bowman (Endowment) Fund**

Brought forward balance	1,514.56	1,383.28
Gains & losses	34.66	131.28
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>	<b>1,549.22</b>	<b>1,514.56</b>

# **Chancel - Tithe Chancel Fund (Endowment) Fund**

Brought forward balance	18,594.23	16,505.98
Gains & losses	945.51	2,088.25
<b>Total carried forward balance</b>	<b>19,539.74</b>	<b>18,594.23</b>



## 2024 TREASURERS REPORT

2024 has proved to be another very difficult year for St. Laurence Church.

Looking at our General Fund which can be regarded as our Trading Account.

Our income has fallen **by some £3628 to £55520.**

Our expenditure has remained basically static at **£52000.**

Planned giving through Standing Orders fell by **£389** but Loose plate collections increased **by £582.**

“One Off” Gift Aid Gifts decreased **by £814** but included in this total figure it is worth noting that many people have donated back expenses they had claimed from us and for this I am grateful.

**We received a legacy of £2000** which has been placed to our Fabric Fund.

Unfortunately during the year we lost a number of members who gave by Standing Order and as is always the case the these longer standing members tend to be the largest donors.

Giving through the Envelope Scheme has shown that a there are now only a few members who give in this way. I would ask that you consider this and possibly move to Bank giving. Those who wish to give in an envelope could complete a “one off” gift aid envelope or simply put their donation in as loose plate in the collection bags each week.

I would of course be happy to supply the Church Bank Account details to anybody who wishes to pay by Standing Order.

I am pleased that in 2024 we were able to meet our obligations to Chelmsford Diocese and in fact we received a small reduction in the amount requested in view of the time we were without a Vicar. We have received a new assessment for 2025 which we feel we will be able to meet in full albeit that this new figure involves us sharing a Vicar with St. Aidens.

The Hall continues to be very successful **but we did have to transfer £5000** funds to the Church to balance expenditure. My thanks to Cheryl and Holley Barwell for all their hard work.

Looking forward Utility Bills remain a substantial part of our expenditure.

In summary: We are just about breaking even and I would ask that, those of you who are able to, consider your personal giving to St. Laurence.

My thanks go to the Churchwardens for keeping me abreast of what is happening with regard to funerals etc. and any expenditure which has had to be made.

Finally my thanks to Peter Chandler for all his help when I am at a loss as to what to do and to my long suffering Wife for putting up with me when the figures do not tally and I lose it!

Danny Keech (Treasurer)

## **PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT**

PCC MEMBERSHIP following the APCM held on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2024. In accordance with the Church Representation Rules there have been 18 ex-officio and elected members of the PCC.

Incumbent	Rev Carolyn Madanat from 04/09/2024
Curate	Rev Sarah Rachell (Priested 28/09/2024)

Wardens	Mr Glen Snowdon Mrs Veronica Newman
Deputy Wardens	Mr Lee Thompson Mr Martin Newman

Deanery Synod Representatives	Mr Danny Keech Mr Martin Newman Mrs Judith Wiseman,
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Elected Members	Mrs Janet Arlett Mr John Arlett Mrs Cheryl Barwell Mrs Dorothy Brewer Miss Judy Bryans Mrs Chris Chesterman Mrs Rosemary Denney Mr Roland Stanley Mr John Wiltshire
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### **Standing Committee by office:**

Vicar	Rev Carolyn Madanat
Churchwarden	Mr Glen Snowdon
Churchwarden and PCC Secretary	Mrs Veronica Newman
Deputy Wardens	Mr Lee Thompson Mr Martin Newman
Treasurer	Mr Danny Keech

### **Parish Safeguarding Representative**

Mrs Veronica Newman

At the first PCC meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 the following posts were elected

PCC Secretary	Mrs Veronica Newman
Treasurer	Mr Danny Keech
Electoral Roll Officer	Mr Phillip Miller

Other appointments made were:

Lay Vice-chair	Mr Martin Newman
Deputy Vice-chair	Mr Glen Snowdon
Hall Manager	Mrs Cheryl Barwell
Tree Officer	Mr Glen Snowdon

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St Laurence	Mrs Cheryl Barwell
Chair of Travel	
Trust Fund	Mr Martin Newman

The business of the PCC has continued with bi-monthly meetings of the full council and continued the practice of splitting into sub-committees to allow greater discussion on particular issues. Each sub-committee reports back to the full PCC for their approval of any decisions.

There have been 8 full council meetings during the year as additional meetings were necessary in the months before Rev Carolyn's arrival.

There have been some changes to the sub-committees making greater use of the standing Committee and these will continue to develop so that time is used efficiently.

Sidespeople were appointed by the PCC at the first full Council meeting.

David Allen has continued updating the parish website and our thanks to Sarah Rachell who is able to post the weekly news sheet and advertise events on the church Facebook page and to Holley Barwell who posts information concerning the Hall and the Honeybees baby and toddler group. Messy church has been advertised on Facebook by Jenny Booker and others post the advertisement on their own pages. I continued to produce the weekly news sheet and my letter which is sent out with it is an attempt to keep people connected and informed of events in the lives of the church family.

**The Buildings and Finance Team continued to** monitor the financial position of the Church and set the budget. They also considered the needs of the church building and the Church Hall reporting regularly to the full PCC. Please see the separate Treasurer's Report. The Refurbishment project team have met with the church architect and plans are on-going.

**The Pastoral Team** continued to support church members and pastoral concerns. When needs are identified the team arrange for support as appropriate.

**The Mission and Ministry Team** continued until Rev Carolyn was installed as our Vicar. Rev Carolyn and Rev Sarah are sharing their time between the two churches with support from Rev Mark and Rev John and the congregation are happy with this arrangement.

The food collection for **Storehouse** continues to help meet the needs of local people who are having financial difficulties and our thanks are due to those who donate to this cause and to those who deliver the goods collected. Storehouse were pleased to receive the toys from our Toy Service which were distributed to local needy children.

**Risk assessments** have been updated and modified on a regular basis as required.

I thank all the members of the PCC who have carried out so many duties faithfully and especially the other Churchwardens for their support especially when we have been particularly busy. My thanks also to Martin for his help and expertise when needed.

***Veronica Newman: PCC Secretary***

### **Safeguarding Annual Report 2024-25**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Laurence and All Saints takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of children and vulnerable adults. The church website has details concerning the policies and best practice we have adopted and addresses where contacts and advice are available. This church has a dedicated email address for safeguarding.

Every member of the PCC has to carry out some on-line training courses for Safeguarding as the Church of England takes it very seriously and each person has to complete an enhanced DBS check as all are Trustees of our Charity.

The Church of England produces materials for Safeguarding including a Parish Safeguarding Handbook, a copy of this is hanging on the PCC notice board for reference.

***Veronica Newman***

**St Laurence Parish Safeguarding Officer**

## **St Laurence & All Saints Church, Eastwood, Southend on Sea, Essex**

### **Churchwardens' Report for 2024-25**

This report is concerned with the state of the Church building, as required by the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991, and the Church Hall for the 2023 calendar year.

We are not aware of any serious, outstanding problems with the Church building. We have a continuing commitment to carry out maintenance works to the building in line with the architect's quinquennial inspection report as resources allow. A Quinquennial inspection is due this year 2025 and usually takes place in November. The church architect has already been contacted for this.

There are no known major structural problems.

We do, of course, have an ongoing, list of maintenance work. All the matters which the last quinquennial considered to be urgent have been attended to.

The statutory test of the lightning conductor was carried out in October 2024 and the certificate of compliance issued. There are some problems with the organ and although it has limitations it can still be played but cannot be improved without spending large sums of money on it. Annual testing of the Fire extinguishers and PAT testing of electrical appliances are carried out at both the church and the hall.

We have continued exploring a major refurbishment project with the architect for this Grade 1 Listed Building. During the year this has led to exploring the drainage of surface water away from the building and this work is on-going. This major project will need detailed planning as we will need to look for grants in order to carry out the work. Martin Newman is leading this sub-group of the PCC and reports back to the full PCC regularly.

Although it is not necessarily within the remit of this report, we do include the church hall building for which we are responsible. The floor of the main hall was replaced during the summer break when there were fewer regular users at a cost of £35,655. In January this year the strip lighting in the main hall was changed to LEDs at a cost of £412 which give a better and cheaper light. It is important for us to maintain the hall as the income from it helps with our finances. We thank Cheryl and Holley, supported by Mike, for all they do to make the hall successful. We are very grateful that they have continued to manage their roles as Hall Managers despite their ongoing personal difficulties caused by the fire in their home in October 2023.

As we reported last year we need to establish the boundaries of the Hall plot which belongs to us and does not belong to the Diocese and we are working to have it registered at the Land Registry so that our boundaries are recognised. Whilst this is happening the Diocese will let the house and they will have that income.

Honeybees has continued to be a place where young families can meet and play and socialise and we thank the team involved in this for their hard work.

Coffee morning on Thursday mornings in the hall has become a great social event.

Thanks to all the team that make this such a success.

Thanks to Revd Sarah and Mandy for restarting Messy Church sessions in April with a new format. We thank the group of skilled helpers who support this work as we look to the future with our young families.

During 2024 our advertisements for a vicar led to interviews being held in February and the appointment Revd Carolyn Madanat as Priest in charge of both churches.

St Aidan's and St Laurence shared in the service arrangements and preparations for Revd Carolyn's arrival, ensuring that St Aidan's Vicarage was ready for her and her family and that service details were organised. Revd Carolyn's Licensing and Installation by Bishop Guli and Archdeacon Mike took place on September 4th 2024 at St Aidan's Church and both churches were well represented.

Revd Sarah had completed her first year as a Curate to both churches and her priesting took place on September 28<sup>th</sup> and her first celebration of the Eucharist was at a joint service at St Laurence church on September 29<sup>th</sup> and this brought an end to a month of celebrations.

We held our special services as usual, Remembrance Sunday, In Loving Memory, a joint Carol service, Christingle, Midnight Communion and Christmas Morning services. We thank Mandy Keech for producing and leading the Christingle service again this year.

This has been a very challenging year financially although we have managed to pay our full Family Share again. Many thanks to Danny for keeping us up to date with the situation even if the news is unpalatable.

We thank those who have worked on planning and delivering events to raise funds to support the work of this church. Fund raising has been challenging as we no longer have people who are able to support the big events as they have in the past and we need to plan events which our aging congregation can manage. Every member of this church needs to consider what part they can play.

We thank all those who have been providing pastoral care by keeping in touch by phone and visits with those less able or housebound.

We have many people who work quietly keeping everything looking good and running smoothly; the gardeners, the cleaners, the flower arrangers, refreshment providers, the Storehouse contacts, all who helped in services and all those not mentioned but who have done valuable work. They keep the building cared for and looking beautiful and the upkeep of the churchyard is carried out by a band of volunteers including Don with his ride-on mower, so it is maintained and cared for to provide a peaceful space for visitors.

We give our sincere thanks to Mark and John for all the services they have conducted, for their pastoral support and for all that they have done to bring the Word of the Lord to our community. We look forward in 2025 with optimism and pray for Revd Carolyn Madanat and for both parishes St Laurence and St Aidan's that they will flourish and that we will be able to bring the Word to more and more people in our neighbourhoods.

*Glen Snowdon  
Veronica Newman.*

## **Safeguarding Annual Report 2024-25**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Laurence and All Saints takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of children and vulnerable adults. The church website has details concerning the policies and best practice we have adopted and addresses where contacts and advice are available. This church has a dedicated email address for safeguarding.

Every member of the PCC has to carry out some on-line training courses for Safeguarding as the Church of England takes it very seriously and each person has to complete an enhanced DBS check as all are Trustees of our Charity.

The Church of England produces materials for Safeguarding including a Parish Safeguarding Handbook, a copy of this is hanging on the PCC notice board for reference.

*Veronica Newman*

St Laurence Parish Safeguarding Officer

## *Tree officers report.*

This year finds us waiting for spring, the trees are in bud waiting to burst forth. Last year we lost one of the six big trees at the bottom of the churchyard and Martin made a nice woven fence with the branches from it. Although strictly shrubs, the two Buddleias either side of the main gate had reached tree proportions and were cut back to allow them to spring forth with a new vigour.

As we are getting a bit older each year some new blood to help with the churchyard would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Glen

## **Annual Electoral Report 2025**

The Electoral Roll for St Laurence has been revised as required every six years.

Last year's report showed that there were 114 members on the Electoral Roll with 41 living in the Parish and 73 from outside.

This year the numbers have been revised down to a total of 96 members of which 27 live in the Parish and 67 outside.

There have been a few members that have passed away and a few that have left to worship elsewhere. However we have welcomed a number of new members to the church in the past year.

**Phillip Miller**

**Electoral Officer**

**20/04/25**