



St. Peter's Church
Live for Christ, Advance the Gospel

Registered Charity 1133803

Church Lane, Ardingly, West Sussex, RH17 6UR
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

ST PETER'S CHURCH, ARDINGLY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1133803

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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Website: www.ardinglychurch.org.uk

Incumbent: **The Reverend John H Crutchley**

The Rectory, Church Lane, Ardingly RH17 6UR

Bankers: **Lloyds Bank, Walthamstow Branch**

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During the year ended 31 December 2024, the following people served as members of the parochial church council ("PCC"):

Incumbent: The Reverend John Crutchley

Ex officio members: Mr John Witherington

Chairman

Reader

Church Wardens: Mr Nigel Cheater
Mr John Witherington

Vice-Chairman

Representatives on the Deanery Synod: Mrs Jill Veasey
Mr Mervyn James

Elected members: Mrs Carol Grossman
Mrs Deb Ruse
Mrs Jill Veasey
Miss Sue Laker
Mrs Gina Paul
Mr Mervyn James
Mrs Glynis Doerr
Mrs Esther Wigmore

Secretary to the PCC and Parish Safeguarding Co-Ordinator Mrs Jane Taylor Cheater

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OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd John Crutchley, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical.
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known;
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay;
- Providing financial support to those in need and, to other organisations with similar objectives.

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WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion.'

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small 'home group' situations
- Engaging with our local primary school on the Governing body and through regular weekly assemblies, services in school and church and in any other way required.
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Aiding the poor and needy of the parish
- Making gifts to missionary organisations
- Reaching out to the unchurched through 'Zoom' based services; through services held outside of the church building and in the heart of the village to mark important events and national celebrations; utilizing the graveyard as a location for services to remember those loved and lost; and in our Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance and Christmas services.
- Enhancing our worship through the use of sound and visual technology.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the village.

There were six meetings of the PCC in 2024. The current electoral roll has 81 members.

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WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

Attendance at Worship

It is always a joy to read the church visitors book and to see how far some of our visitors have travelled and how much they have appreciated finding that the church building is open to welcome them. The building is open every day to allow those who are passing to stop, to rest awhile and maybe to pray. But also for those who simply want to explore their connection with Ardingly through family ancestors or friends or who want to appreciate the beauty of the building and so grab a moment of peace. Our very first visitor in January 2024 had come all the way from Sante Fe, in New Mexico USA but across the year she was joined by visitors from Canada, Australia, Germany, New Zealand, South Africa and many other countries all across the world as well as by those from all across this country and many who are local. What joins them all together are the comments they all leave, because they all say much the same: peaceful, tranquil, beautiful, well-kept. But above all else, so many of our visitors record exactly what we want to hear. That the church is welcoming, that it is a place of rest, a place of shelter and a home from home

“WHAT A LOVELY HAPPY FEELING CHURCH.
WE SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT OUR SLIPPERS!”

COMMENT IN THE VISITORS BOOK, MARCH 2024

This is exactly what we strive to be first and foremost: a place of welcome for all who visit, whether to join us in our worship and prayer or to experience the building as a place of personal spiritual rest and refreshment.

One of the earliest comments left by a visitor in February 2024 was as to how the church felt 'well-used'. Which is also how a church should feel, alive, used, and active. 'The atmosphere is so like home' recorded another visitor, which is also as it should be. St. Peter's is the spiritual home of the church family and that is a family that is welcoming of all. New Year's Day 2024 saw the year begin with a three and a half mile walk for some of that family (and their friends!) in soggy weather and around footpaths, roads and tracks as an appetite was built up for a meal then shared together in the church Centre. Nine walkers and twenty 'diners' enjoyed the best start to the New Year and raised a substantial sum that was donated to the work of our two locally grown charities: Ardingly Old Jeshwang and Imara Uganda. Sharing food is a regular part of church life: a meal together on Maundy Thursday; Hot Cross buns on Good Friday; Harvest Festival barbecue; graveyard weeding, tidying up and refreshments; a day of Bible study – naturally, with food! The church family is small, and it is ageing, but it is alive, active, and still actively engaged in reaching out to and serving the whole community of Ardingly as it grows together in its knowledge of and love for Christ.

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**"THE ATMOSPHERE IS SO LIKE A HOME; THE SPIRIT
IS DEFINITELY LIVING HERE!!!"**

A VISITOR FROM LONDON, APRIL 2024

Our main service on a Sunday morning is now offered as a screen presentation that is enhanced and improved by the use of recorded/video led music for our worship and praise. This has not been exclusive, and we have continued to benefit from 'live' music led by keyboard, drums, guitar and vocals and of course by our marvellous organ on occasions. However, the combination of the two allows flexibility in our worship and ensures that we can continue to worship well, week on week without too much demand being placed upon any one person. We took a deep dive into St. Paul's Letter to the Romans throughout Lent and accompanied this with a gathering for prayer each day of Lent where we focussed daily on one of the top 50 countries where Christians face persecution. It was both empowering and humbling. All in all we have praised well, prayed well and learned well throughout the year allowing our worship and God's Word to encourage us in our mission and in the service of our community.

Our main Sunday morning service is also offered via a Zoom link each week which has enabled some who are housebound, in hospital or no longer still resident in Ardingly to continue to worship together with friends and so to feel a continuing part of the church family and the worshipping community. Additionally, the use of a Zoom link has allowed us to open up funeral services so that family and friends from all across the world are now able to 'attend' the funeral services of loved ones. It has been a real blessing for many and a joy for us to know that many who may not otherwise have been able to share in a funeral service, have been enabled to do so. Thanks have to go to Nigel Cheater, one of our church wardens who handles the 'tech' and week by week arranges the Zoom link.

**"I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR THE
SERVICE. I WAS ABLE TO WATCH IT FROM NEW
ZEALAND THANKS TO THE ZOOM FACILITY THAT
WAS IN PLACE. I WAS VERY MOVED BY ALL
ASPECTS OF THE SERVICE."**

**A LETTER FROM NEW ZEALAND WRITTEN FOLLOWING A FUNER-
AL HELD AT ST. PETERS, MAY 2024**

We believe that our services are accessible and welcoming. Many more attendees would always be welcome but the many who come at Christmas and Easter give us heart that the message of the church still has a strong resonance in our village.

We have always recognised that our remote location within our rural parish presents a major challenge. Back in the fourteenth century, the church builders built the church at the very heart of the village, both geographically and spiritually. But the geographical centre of the village has now moved leaving the church building a little distant. To counter this and to keep the church as a spiritual heart that welcomes everyone we have continued to take some of our services out of the church building. Unexpectedly, this has also made them more accessible to some who may find it quite difficult to enter a church building and attend a service.

"THANK YOU FOR THE SACRED SPACE. I LOVE TO PRAY HERE ALONE"



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For the last few years, the annual Service of All Souls has been held in the church graveyard attracting a great many more people than might usually be expected for a similar service held in the church and allowing some the opportunity to grieve and remember with others and in a space that they value.

Perhaps the best example of the advantage of taking a service outside of the church building is the annual Service of Remembrance in November. Held on the Recreation Ground and so in the heart of the village and with our local uniform groups in attendance, this year we were delighted to be joined too by a group of pupils from our local primary school. Wreaths were laid in remembrance by both Parish and District Council representatives and on behalf of the Royal British Legion. This service has seen a growth in numbers attending in each year since we decided to hold the service as we now do, that is outside and in the heart of the village. We now see many more younger people attending the service and many more from across our community who may previously not have thought about attending a church service for Remembrance. It is so interesting to see how many dog-walkers, out for their morning stroll, take the opportunity to stop, to stand silent and to remember, because the service is so accessible.

It is a great example of how we are striving to make our services more welcoming and so to actively demonstrate our heartfelt call to support and work for our entire community. This year we offered practical help to the village by donating all of our harvest gifts to the support of local families in particular need. We also donated all of the 'giving' at our Christmas services to the work of the Children's Society and to 'Off the Fence' a Brighton based charity working with the homeless. We have continued to support our homegrown charities Ardingly Old Jeshwang in their work in the Gambia and Imara in their work in Uganda and Ardingly Connected Together in their work in our village. In all of this and in our support of several other charitable projects too, a small church family has tried to put into practice all that we believe about loving our neighbour.

Evangelism and Outreach.

The pattern of services is now settled around a traditional celebration of Holy Communion using the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer at 9.00am each Sunday. The 10.30am service follows a monthly pattern of a Morning Praise [Service of the Word] service on the first Sunday of each month; a service of Holy Communion using the liturgy of Common Worship Order One on the second Sunday; a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] on a Third Sunday; and a further service of Holy Communion [Common Worship Order One] on the fourth Sunday which includes each month an opportunity for prayer for healing and wholeness. Where the month includes a fifth Sunday, the main service is now usually a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] service. There is one evening service on the

"THANK YOU FOR THE WATER. I'VE BEEN RIDING MY BIKE FOR THE PAST THREE HOURS WITHOUT A DROP. AND WHAT A VERY NICE PIANO. I PLAYED CLAIR DE LUNE AND BACH IN G MINOR."

A VISITOR FROM A NEIGHBOURING VILLAGE, JUNE 2024

first Sunday in each month. This is called 'Open to God' and it attracts a

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committed congregation with a variety of services that has included Compline, Evening Prayer and Holy Communion. In whatever format 'Open to God' is intended as a moment of peaceful reflection at the end of the day. A rota of readers and intercessory prayer leaders ensures that all of our services benefit from the inclusion of gifts from across the church family.

Evangelism and outreach is also driven by our desire to connect with and to serve the community of which we are a part: our weekly services are only a part of what we do. We have endeavoured to

THANK YOU ALL FOR THE WHITE CYCLAMEN THAT WAS BROUGHT TO ME JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS. WHAT A LOVELY SURPRISE. IT CERTAINLY HELPS TO BRIGHTEN THESE DREARY DAYS.

A NOTE FROM ONE OF THOSE WHO RECEIVED A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM ST. PETER'S

build good links across the village, with the Parish Council, with our neighbours on the Showground, with Ardingly Connected Together and with our schools – both primary school and Ardingly College.

Our thanks have to go to our friends at the College who do the photocopying for our parish magazine each month. A vital village resource. We enjoy very close links with our local Church of England Primary school. Three members of the church serve as foundation governors on the school's governing body (one is a highly effective chair of the governing body) and the Rector leads a school assembly each week of term time. In addition, services have been held in church for pupils, staff and families in celebration of Harvest, Christmas and Easter. And in the Summer a special service is held for those leaving the school as they move on to secondary education with each leaver being presented with a bible. This is a tradition that we have followed in every year since 2007.

"I VISIT HERE OFTEN. MY PARENTS AND BROTHER REST IN PEACE HERE. SO CALM"

A COMMENT IN THE VISITOR BOOK, AUGUST 2024

'Meeting Point,' organized and led by church family members, meets every other week in the centre of the village drawing together a dedicated group of mainly older people for coffee, cake and above all fellowship. 'Angels and Urchins' established and run by the church and led by church members meets weekly in school term time providing a much-needed gathering place for those caring for very young children. With toys and games, singing, and of course coffee, tea and refreshments, it is a very important amenity serving a huge need within the village. 'At your Service,' also established and run by church members offers lifts to appointments, help with shopping and other small acts of 'domestic service' to any in the village who need support. The importance of what it offers has been recognised by local GP's who have referred some in need to its service. Each of these groups in their own way bring support to our community and tackle the ever-growing problems of loneliness and isolation that are experienced by so many, young and old alike.

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Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

The Rector is assisted in the pastoral care for people living in the village by two pastoral care assistants, who have completed a diocesan organized training course and who have been authorised in their work by the bishop. A new member of this team began their training in 2024 and will be authorised in the new year. In addition, we have a team of church members who give their time and energies caring, listening, and helping people in the church family and wider village community. The Rector is also assisted by a Reader, John Witherington to whom thanks need to go for his leading of our services, for his informed and challenging preaching and for his tireless work as a churchwarden. He is a great asset to our parish.

Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers.

The church continues to be appreciated by our parishioners and many others, as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. There was one wedding in 2024 and there were two baptisms. Three funerals were conducted in church and two were conducted at a crematorium. There were also two burial of ashes. Most teaching is offered through our weekly sermons which seek to explore God's word, to apply it, to bridge the context and explain its contemporary significance. This is built upon in home groups. In 2024 the biblical teaching was also enhanced by the Romans course previously mentioned. A large number of the church family have been involved in leading various aspects of worship, lending great encouragement to those involved, as well as the whole congregation.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy.

Many of those who visit the church remark not only how refreshing it is to find an open church but, also the sense of peacefulness and spirituality the church pervades. Over the last few years it has provided a marvellous venue for young musicians from Ardingly College to offer recitals. Many also remark on the sense of history within; that people of much earlier generations found life and presence there. There are also many comments on and appreciation of the architectural beauty of the building and biblical archaeology and the way in which the church is maintained. The Summer of 2024 saw a large group from the church family gather over two days to clean and maintain the interior of the building but also to attend to the needs of the graveyard that surrounds the church. Although adopted into public maintenance the graveyard still required some TLC, and much time was given to clearing the brick drainage channel around the church as required by the quinquennial inspection. Another huge

**WE WANTED TO WRITE A NOTE TO SAY THE BIGGEST
THANK YOU FOR THE MOST AMAZING SERVICE ON
SATURDAY. THE WHOLE THING WAS INCREDIBLY
MOVING, ABSOLUTELY PERFECT AND WE LOVED IT SO
MUCH. OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY KEPT MENTIONING
HOW MOVED THEY WERE BY THE WHOLE THING. WE HAD
THE BEST DAY OF OUR LIVES!!**

A NOTE FROM A COUPLE WHO MARRIED AT ST. PETER'S IN 2024



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effort was made in the Autumn by a similar group this time tidying and maintaining the newer graveyard across the road from the main church.

St. Peter's Church is a Grade I listed church dating from the 14th century with some Victorian additions. The stone tower was added towards the end of the 14th Century. This is one of the few church towers in the area with no spire. It is thought that the reason for this is for its use as a defensive structure against possible invasion or to act as a beacon to warn of any such invasion. The tower is home to six bells which vary in age from the oldest dated from the late 14th Century to the treble added in 1912. The bells were fully restored in 2009 and being extremely popular are now rung by both local and many visiting teams. The tower is also home to a stunning stain glass window created by James Powell and Sons which dates back to 1847.

Such a building requires constant and sympathetic maintenance. In the Summer of 2024, a leak in the roof to the north aisle was fixed at a cost of £11,500 an expense that was generously met by members

of the church family. However, our

regular quinquennial report has also revealed major repairs required to the tower. This will entail the removal and repair of the West window, the removal and repair of the stonework around it and the fer-

**A LOVELY CHURCH. SO WELL CARED FOR. THANK
YOU FOR BEING OPEN!**

A COMMENT IN THE VISITOR BOOK

ramenta protecting it; the Victorian mortar in the masonry needs replacing, the stonework of the upper windows needs repair, and we will have to re-channel the drainage to keep water away from the structure. Whilst undertaking this work and so as to address further issues raised in our quinquennial inspection we also want to improve access through the belfry to allow the tower parapet to be reached in safety. The wooden stairs leading to the belfry are in need of replacing having become dangerous to climb.

Fundraising has begun to enable us to undertake this major restoration project of the tower and west window. So far we have raised over £16,000 of the approximately £110,000 that is required. In addition to fundraising locally we are investigating possible national grant funding and this continues. To properly facilitate such applications and future works and restoration work that may be required we have commissioned and received a full digital survey of the building, the costs of which were also met through the generosity of church family members.

**MANY THANKS TO THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY
FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY.**

FROM THE RECTOR

Alongside of the church building we are also responsible for the maintenance of the Church Centre. The Summer of 2024 saw repairs to the roof of the Centre completed at a cost of £2,500, again, an expense that was met through the generosity of church family members.

As a small church with a small worshipping community we paid £65,000 in parish share in 2024 (an increase of £6,000 on that paid in 2023) but this was still only 80% of the total sum requested. The financial challenges we face cannot be overstated and neither can the generosity of the church family in meeting those challenges.



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Financial Review

Unrestricted incoming and outgoing resources

2024 was a challenging year for our Church. Whilst planned giving through our preferred method of collection (the Parish Giving Scheme) remained constant, the death of a major giver meant that other planned giving was down compared to 2023. There were some generous one-off donations made during the year and nearly £4,000 was received in Gift Aid, which continued to be claimed on a quarterly. However, both of these were lower than had been received during 2023.

Lettings for the year were higher as four terms hire charges were collected from one regular user, instead of just two in 2023.

Overall, unrestricted giving was approximately £10,000 lower than the previous year.

These factors, combined with a pledged commitment to increase our Parish Contribution (see below), meant that a significant shortfall during the year was expected. Despite other outgoings being contained as far as possible the shortfall for the year was in line with early expectations at just over £15,000

Despite this, the PCC remains most grateful for the continued generosity of those who faithfully give to the Church and their resilience in continuing to do so with all the financial challenges we currently face.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £65,156 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. In 2024, we pledged to pay 80% of the amount asked by the Diocese. This was an increase of 5% of that paid in 2023. The Diocese are conscious of the financial pressures facing both individuals and congregations and have once again expressed their extreme gratitude to Parishes who have been able to meet their pledged giving in these financially challenging times.

Overall, the unrestricted spend for the year was just under £86,000.

Restricted Income and Expenditure

Note 10 shows a breakdown of income and expenditure by fund.

The largest expenditure over the year was in respect of the repair work that was needed to the roof over the North aisle. This was largely met from some generous gifts that were received. Other significant expenditure was in relation to church maintenance and upkeep of the graveyard. In 2024, a grant of £500 was again received from the Parish Council towards the cost of maintaining the graveyard. All other costs are met by the church family itself. A grant of £3,000 was also received towards the ongoing costs.

Just over £24,000 of restricted income was received, and £30,500 was paid out during the year.

The total value of restricted funds at the end of 2024 was £33,485 and this figure includes the Burgess Trust.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of St Peter's to aim to return to a surplus in the year and to transfer to reserves an amount equal to or less than this surplus. The objective is to provide for future years where a deficit has been returned. Current reserves are £15,000 and have been maintained for 2024. It is the policy of St Peter's to invest these funds on a short-term basis with CBF Church of England deposit fund.



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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2024

Unrestricted	As At 31/12/2024 £	As At 31/12/2023 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	1.00	1.00
Heritage Assets	150,913.83	150,913.83
Investments	5,184.57	5,068.56
	<u>156,099.40</u>	<u>155,983.39</u>
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and in Hand	50,523.90	71,688.28
	<u>50,523.90</u>	<u>71,688.28</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>50,523.90</u>	<u>71,688.28</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>206,623.30</u>	<u>227,671.67</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>206,623.30</u>	<u>227,671.67</u>

Represented by

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted—General Fund	6,771.80	22,115.83
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Designated Funds

Designated—General Funds	15,000.00	15,000.00
Designated—Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	150,914.83

Restricted Funds

Restricted—Village Discretionary Fund	20.50	640.50
Restricted—Youth Worker Fund	7,161.80	7,411.12
Restricted—Church Centre Upgrade Fund	-	1,640.85
Restricted—Mission Fund	344.49	344.49
Restricted—Other Restricted Funds (note 10)	-	845.18
Restricted—West Window and Tower Fund	16,422.80	16,135.30
Restricted—Church Maintenance Fund	3,251.86	6,339.93
Restricted—Burgess Trust Fund	6,735.22	6,283.64

Funds of the Church

206,623.30 227,671.67

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on  and signed on its behalf 21.05.25



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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	General & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>Income and Endowments</i>				
Donations and Legacies	59,310.95	24,098.06	83,409.01	77,577.74
Income from charitable activities	2,575.50	-	2,575.50	3,095.00
Other trading activities	8,117.50	260.65	8,378.15	4,934.85
Investments	721.11	335.57	1,056.68	599.24
Other income	-	-	-	71.10
Total Income	70,725.06	24,694.28	95,419.34	86,277.93
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	85,932.06	30,514.63	116,446.69	86,361.72
Other expenditure	137.03	-	137.03	1,367.32
Total Expenditure	86,069.09	30,514.63	116,583.72	87,729.04
Net expenditure before transfers	-15,344.03	-5,820.35	-21,164.38	-1,451.11
<i>Transfers</i>				
Transfers between funds				-
<i>Other recognised gains/losses</i>				
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charities own use	-	116.01	116.01	435.86
Net movements in funds	-15,344.03	-5,704.34	-21,048.37	-1,015.25
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>				
Total funds brought forward	188,030.66	39,641.01	227,671.67	228,686.92
Total funds carried forward	172,686.63	33,936.67	206,623.30	227,671.67

For further breakdown of income see Note 2,
For further breakdown of expenditure see Note 3



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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared, as far as applicable, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Charity Law, Financial Reporting Standards and the current SORP, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRSSE), effective 1st January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds - i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest;

ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the tax is recovered. Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is received.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investment is sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

d) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

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

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.



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e) Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the accounts. For other property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired since 2000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life (see note (d)).

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off on the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful life. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixture and fittings	25% straight line
Computer equipment	30% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values as high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

f) Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.



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Analysis of Income

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Note 2

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>					
0100 Planned giving GA	9,679.87	-	-	9,679.87	12,030.95
0110 Planned giving non-GA	36,461.47	-	-	36,461.47	35,176.40
0120 Envelope Scheme GA	159.50	-	-	159.50	383.00
0140 Church collections GA	2,569.50	-	-	2,569.50	2,545.49
0150 Church collections non-GA	-	-	-	-	30.43
0160 Donations GA	4,800.00	-	14,875.40	19,675.40	15,170.00
0170 Donations non GA	1,465.51	-	1,140.00	2,605.51	3,580.22
0180 Gift Aid tax recovered	3,936.75	-	4,573.21	8,509.96	6,911.24
0190 Legacies and endowments	-	-	-	-	-
0200 Fund-raising (non trading) income	50.00	-	-	50.00	-
0220 Special collections	-	-	441.32	441.32	667.64
0230 Grants received	-	-	3,068.13	3,068.13	500.00
0390 Other donations	188.35	-	-	188.35	582.37
Donations and legacies Total	59,310.95	-	24,098.06	83,409.01	77,577.74
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					
0400 Fees for services	2,575.50	-	-	2,575.50	3,095.00
Total Income from charitable activities	2,575.50	-	-	2,575.50	3,095.00
<i>Other trading activities</i>					
0500 Centre hire	7,580.00	-	-	7,580.00	4,276.00
0510 Magazine income	419.50	-	-	419.50	259.50
0520 Sale of goods for fundraising	118.00	-	260.65	378.65	399.35
Total Other trading activities	8,117.50	-	260.65	8,378.15	4,934.85
<i>Investments</i>					
0600 Deposit interest received	721.11	-	-	721.11	421.90
0610 Investment interest received	-	-	335.57	335.57	177.34
	721.11	-	335.57	1,056.68	599.24
<i>Other Income</i>					
0790 Other income	-	-	-	-	71.10
Total Other incomes	-	-	-	-	71.10
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	70,725.06	-	24,694.28	95,419.34	86,277.93



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Analysis of Expenditure

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Note 3

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure					
Raising Funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities					
2200 Parish contribution	65,156.00	-	-	65,156.00	59,096.00
2210 Charitable giving	1,250.00	-	-	1,250.00	1,250.00
2220 Church utilities	3,314.32	-	-	3,314.32	1,824.88
2230 Church service expenses	993.01	-	1,170.95	2,163.96	1,427.11
2240 Church maintenance and equipment	2,902.31	-	23,376.39	26,278.70	9,243.89
2250 Rectory expenses	4,656.97	-	949.00	5,605.97	4,142.26
2260 Rector's expenses	1,437.01	-	-	1,437.01	1,410.67
2290 Administrative expenses	187.56	-	-	187.56	280.39
2300 Children and young people	18.99	-	384.32	403.31	155.21
2320 Giving from special collections	-	-	701.97	701.97	917.64
2330 Gifts made	-	-	500.00	500.00	-
2600 Centre utilities costs	4,311.04	-	-	4,311.04	4,036.64
2610 Centre running costs	1,226.65	-	-	1,226.65	1,198.79
2620 Centre maintenance and equipment	478.20	-	3,432.00	3,910.20	1,378.24
2650 Magazine costs	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	85,932.06		30,514.63	116,446.69	86,361.72
Other expenditure					
2990 Other expenditure	137.03	-	-	137.03	1,367.32
Total Other expenditure	137.03		-	137.03	1,367.32
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	86,069.09	-	30,514.63	116,583.72	87,729.04
TOTAL OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-15,344.03		-5,820.35	-21,164.38	-1,451.11



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4 Staff Costs

No-one was employed by the PCC during the year and there were no transactions in respect of PCC members, or persons closely connected to them or other related persons.

5 Analysis of transfer between funds

See Note 10.

6 Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings	Church Equipment	Total
Cost or Valuation	£	£	£
At 1 January 2024	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Additions/disposals/revaluations	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	-	-	-
Provided in year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2024	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
At 31 December 2023	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83

As a freehold building, according to the PCC accounting policies, the value of the church centre is not subject to depreciation.

The Church Centre was insured for losses up to £2,960,000 inclusive of buildings and contents, although the building is carried on the balance sheet at its cost.

b) Investments

	Total	Total
	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2024	5,068.56	4,632.70
Increase in market value	116.01	435.86
Market value at 31 December 2024	5,184.57	5,068.56

An investment is held by the Diocesan Board of Finance (G L Burgess Trust) as CBF Investment Fund (Income) Shares the income from which is restricted to be used for the maintenance of church notice boards or similar communication-related items.



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7 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

Fund	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Fund Balances at 31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets for church use	150,914.83	-	-	-	150,914.83
Investment fixed assets	-	-	6,735.22	-	6,735.22
Current assets	6,771.80	15,000.00	27,201.45	-	48,973.25
Current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2024	152,686.63	15,000.00	33,936.67	-	206,623.30

8 Debtors

There were no debtors as at 31 December 2024.

9 Creditors

There were no creditors as at 31 December 2024.

10 Fund movement summary

Fund	Fund Balances as at 01/01/2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains/losses	Fund Balances as at 31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Village Discretionary Fund	640.50	15.00	635.00			20.50
Youth Worker Fund	7,411.12	-	249.32			7,161.80
Church Centre Upgrade Fund	1,640.85	1,791.15	3,432.00			-
Mission Fund	344.49	-	-			344.49
Graveyard	730.63	755.71	1,486.34			-
West Window and Tower Fund	16,135.30	287.50	-			16,422.80
Church Maintenance Fund	6,339.93	18,801.98	21,890.05			3,251.86
Bibles		1,056.40	1,056.04			-
Flowers	114.55	-	114.55			
Christmas Collections		701.97	701.97			
Mower		949.00	949.00			
Burgess Trust Fund	6,283.64	335.57			116.01	6,735.22
General Reserves	15,000.00					15,000.00
Church Centre Capital	150,914.83					150,914.83
	205,555.84	24,694.28	30,514.63	-	116.01	199,851.50
General Fund	22,115.83	70,705.06	86,069.09	-		6,771.80
	227,671.67	95,419.34	116,583.72	-	116.01	206,623.30



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Independent Examiner's Report 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Parochial Church Council St. Peter's Church, Ardingly

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the Parochial Church Council are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members 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;

to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention

which give me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the members have not met the requirements:

to keep accounting in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounts records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met: or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

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Date 15 May 2025



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