

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of  
St John's, Ben Rhydding**

**ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

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## **St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding**

### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024**

The members of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The PCC is a registered charity and a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts, the Charities Act 2011 and 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) (SORP FRS102) effective 1 January 2019. The PCC is eligible for, and has chosen to, apply the disclosure exemption permitted by FRS 102, Section 7.1B, and has not therefore presented a statement of cash flows in these financial statements.

#### **Objects and activities**

The PCC has the responsibility, with the Vicar, Rev Peter Willox, in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church building and hall of St John's Ben Rhydding and for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St John's and become part of the church family. The PCC aspires to see the faith of the congregation being put into practice in the communities where members live and work, and so has a commitment to ensure that the teaching and worship are both challenging and relevant to today's society. The PCC is also committed to finding ways of helping others in the community find direction and challenge for their lives, as well as fellowship and comfort through their relationship with God and His Church.

The Vicar and the PCC have been working with the whole church of St John's to continue to develop our vision for the future. This can be summarised as:

**“To be a welcoming and inclusive church, reaching out to our community with the love of God”.**

Our mission is to create a caring and compassionate safe space for all who come in to our church community and, working together with others where we can: Fulfil our calling to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom; teach, baptise and nurture new believers; respond to human need through loving service; seek to transform unjust structures of society; challenge violence of every kind, and pursue peace and reconciliation; strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the Earth.

The PCC met 6 times during 2024, and the 'Wardens and Standing Committee', a subcommittee of the PCC, met 6 times. In planning and carrying out activities at St John's for the year, the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

## **St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding**

### **Review of performance and achievements**

#### **Church electoral roll and attendance**

There are 144 people (2023:143) on the church electoral roll, of which 53 are men and 91 women, 90 being resident and 54 being non-resident in the parish

#### **Worship**

In 2024, we continued to maintain our pattern of Sunday worship at church, as well as livestreaming on Zoom, providing a variety of services to suit the needs of the congregation and its visitors:

- Every Sunday at 8.30am there was a said service of communion.
- The main service on Sunday was at 10am, Common Worship communion being celebrated on the first and third Sundays in the month. We continued to use a liturgy for the 3rd Sunday communion which allowed more space for reflection and the sharing our faith stories.
- On the second Sunday in the month we continued our 'Explore Together' Service which often has opportunity to discuss questions around the theme of the day.
- Our fourth Sunday celebration service was a relatively informal service of praise. We experimented with this service from June onwards in an endeavour to make it more intergenerational in order to broaden the appeal to families. This was preceded by a breakfast to bridge the gap between the 8.30am and 10 am services.
- A quieter and reflective service with communion happened at 10am on the fifth Sunday of the month with a "Celtic" style liturgy.

A service sheet was sent out every week via email, so that those not able to come into church could still participate in worship either online or quietly at home. This was accompanied by a copy of the talk, the prayers for the day and news sheet with feature articles. Paper versions of this pack were delivered to those who are not online.

Zoom prayer meetings continued, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, at 6pm. These were stopped in the late autumn as we reviewed the time and place for such a meeting.

Our team of musicians have continued to show great commitment in providing inspiring worship to our 10am services. Special thanks go to the Stidworthy family, Dave and Elaine Atkinson, Caroline Watson, and Jan and Andy Copsey, for taking responsibility for their respective Sundays.

The preaching and leading team consist of Rev Peter Willox, Rev Jan Copsey, Sylvia Walker (Licensed Lay Minister (LLM)) and Dawn Jenkins (LLM), who meet regularly online to look at themes for services. Elizabeth Hall, Methodist Lay Preacher, also preaches occasionally. The Venerable Mike Edson (retired), who celebrated 50 years in ordained ministry in 2023, has stepped back from preaching and leading this year due to ill health. Our thanks go to him for his ministry and support.

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### **Worship (continued)**

**The Ark service**, a fresh expression of worship, where people of all ages with or without learning difficulties, are encouraged to join us in worship and fellowship in a very informal setting through crafts, dance, music, and drama, continued to meet once a month in church, with online presence as well. Attendance is generally around 35-40 adults. Many of our members have connections to other churches but a significant number are now owning The Ark as their church. To stay in contact with everyone, regular mailings are sent out by email and relevant information updated on the website.

**Messy Church services** are held on Sunday afternoons once a month. These are aimed at enabling families of all ages to come and share some fun time and worship in a safe Christian environment. Whilst some families come and go there is a core group of 12 families attending more regularly.

**School services.** No Easter services were held in church this year for our schools. However, we did host Ben Rhydding Primary's harvest service in October and, just before Christmas, we were able to host Christmas services for Ashlands Primary School, Moorfield School, and Ben Rhydding Primary.

In 2024 our clergy conducted 1 baptism (2023:5), 3 weddings (2023:2) and 11 funerals (2023:10).

### **Fellowship and pastoral care**

There continues to be several committed members of St John's, who visit people who are sick, housebound, or elderly on behalf of the Church, and far more who keep an eye on neighbours and those who are vulnerable, simply as a matter of Christian love. Sylvia Walker (LLM) co-ordinates this important work together with Caroline Elston.

This year we have had 4 house groups, and 2 smaller Spiritual Growth Groups, meeting in people's homes for study and support involving up to 50 people. We have also provided opportunity for people new to faith or wanting to refresh their understanding of the faith through the 'Being With' course.

### **Children and young people**

The work with, and amongst, children and young people continues to be an important part of our ministry at St John's. Numbers of families returning post-covid to our 10am service have been low, families instead preferring to come to our Messy Church. This has had an impact on our Sunday School (known as Lighthouse). Sally de La Poer, Geri Huang-Faulkner and Ros Brown continued to run Lighthouse on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays until October 2024 when unfortunately the lack of children meant they were unable to continue this ministry.

Amy Stidworthy, Nick Heywood and our Vicar, Peter, have continued to run the CYFA (14-18) group on Sunday evenings. Amy stood down, after many years of being involved, at the end of the year. Our thanks go to her for her love and care for our teenagers.

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### **Children and young people (continued)**

The two mid-week morning toddler groups on Wednesday and Friday, have continued to offer a much needed space for carers of young children. Jan Copsey has continued to coordinate the groups despite having to take time out due to injury.

### **Fellowship and pastoral care**

All those who work with children and young people at St John's are checked in accordance with our Vulnerable Adults and Child Protection Policy and are subject to its procedures which are in line with Diocesan guidelines. Our Safeguarding Officer, Dawn Jenkins, who has received training and guidance from the diocesan safeguarding team, helps us ensure we are keeping up to date with our responsibilities, and that the PCC undertake all the regulatory safeguarding training provided by the Diocesan Safeguarding team.

### **Local community**

**Welcome Café/Warm Space.** In 2024, our weekly 'Welcome Café and Warm Space' staffed by volunteers from St John's, continued to run throughout the year. The 'warm space' concept is a national initiative to offer a warm and welcoming environment to anybody in the local community during the energy crisis. St John's received Warm Spaces grants of £2,451 in 2024 (2023: £1,770) from Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC) to help fund this initiative. This was mostly attended by church members but also drew others from our local community.

**Open The Book in Schools.** Our team, which takes dramatic versions of Bible stories into our local schools' assemblies resumed on a once per month basis with the helpful addition of some new members. The children of the local primary schools were once again able to enjoy participating in "What's the Story" of Christmas, a story telling event held in church.

### **Other Community events run by our church**

- The Fairtrade stall run by Hilary Davies and others, continues to be a regular feature at church services but also at some of our other events.
- We ran a refugee day where refugees and asylum seekers based in Bradford came out to Ilkley for a social occasion, food and games.
- We ran our annual memorial service for those in our community who wanted to mark the passing of a loved one.
- A Community Earth weekend was held in April as a response to Earth Day. Entitled 'This Precious Earth', as well as themed worship on the Sunday, included an opportunity for local environmental groups to display information and talk with local people about their work, and how we can all get involved. There was also a themed singing workshop and concert run by nationally known community singers Anna Tabbush and Camilo Menjura.
- The Purple Room, a monthly evening of music and spoken word, has drawn many people not usually attached to church into our building.

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### **Local community (continued)**

Community event runs for the purpose of fundraising for the North Aisle Roof consisted of:

- 'Women in Faith' retreat day, 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Afternoon Tea, 9<sup>th</sup> March
- Quiz nights, 23<sup>rd</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> May
- Barn Dance, 8<sup>th</sup> June
- Gold Rush during June
- Bridge and Afternoon Tea, 6<sup>th</sup> July
- Evening of Dance, 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Singing Workshop, 17<sup>th</sup> August
- The Ark Afternoon Tea, 14<sup>th</sup> September
- Promises Auction in September
- Christmas Fair, 15<sup>th</sup> November

### **The church building and hall**

Our building continues to be a great resource for our local community groups, including the Wright Theatre Arts dance school, The Ben Rhydding Community Choir and related groups, The U3A, and a Singing for Lung Health group financed by the NHS. We have been able to keep the church open during daylight hours every day of the week over the year, for visitors and people who want to pray or be quiet. The Church space continues to benefit from the new chairs, and a number of concerts have been held there.

Room hire took another upturn this year and special thanks go to Miss Lisa King for practically overseeing the administration of the hiring of the church premises during 2024.

### **Links with other Christian organisations**

St John's continues to have an active role in the deanery of South Craven and Wharfedale. The Vicar is on the standing committee of the Deanery Synod and has become a representative on Diocesan Synod. He has also recently taken on the role of Retired Clergy Officer for the Bradford Episcopal Area. We continue to support and greatly benefit from the Otley Christian Resources Hub (OCRH) which started out as a deanery project. Our Vicar is Chair and a trustee of the OCRH which is a charitable incorporated organisation. The Church also maintains links with others in the Ilkley area through Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI) – our Vicar is currently Moderator. These ecumenical links continue to be strong as the church plays its part in CTI, notably helping to support the locally organised Food Bank.

Two of our congregation are trustees of CTI 2000, along with our Vicar who acts as Chair for the committee. CTI 2000 is a registered charity originally set up by Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI) whose aim is to provide accommodation, and opportunities for socialising, for those in our community with learning difficulties.

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### **Links with other Christian organisations (continued)**

It continues to be a privilege to be able to host the CTI 2000 gardening project, for adults with learning difficulties, on our church allotment, and a few more people are now helping from the church. This connection also helps to strengthen ties between that project and the Ark.

St John's Church has many links into the world church, and through money, gifts and prayers, supports many good works and people, in places often quite different to ours. The congregation have also benefited from these links, being challenged to look at how they can be active Christians in our community.

Several of our church members, including Rev Peter Willox, are on the board of trustees of Give a Child a Hope, which supports disadvantaged children at a school at the Revival Centre in Matugga, Uganda.

We support Miss Azaria Spencer who works amongst street children in Guatemala with the Church Mission Society. Azaria got married to David De Pocasangre, who has also become a CMS mission partner. We also support Pam and Simon Wanderlii, working with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

The Mission Support Group is chaired by John Sheen. The group continues to maintain contact with our mission partners and has also reviewed the list of mission partners and organisations we support. The group regularly provide information to update the congregation of the prayer and practical needs of our mission partners. The group also makes recommendations on mission giving to the PCC and managing the distribution of funds. In 2024, £7,350 was given to mission (2023: £8,137).

### **Environmental responsibilities**

Care of the environment is a core part of St John's mission and climate emergency declaration, and continued to be included in worship and communications in 2024. The 'Season of Creation' was marked, in September, by four services with an environmental focus.

St John's is working to achieve the goal, set out by the Church of England, for all its churches to achieve carbon net zero by 2030. The PCC continues to monitor our carbon footprint, supported by our environment and carbon net zero committees. Both our electricity and gas contracts were renewed during 2024 on three year green tariffs.

Using the same energy footprint tool as previously but adjusting the 2023 comparative to reflect the fact that non electric vehicle usage is no longer incorporated within the calculation the results for St John's are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Gross CO<sub>2</sub> Footprint</b>	<b>Net CO<sub>2</sub> Footprint</b>
2024	22.4	2.1
2023	17.8 (16.7 adjusted)	2.4 (2.2 adjusted)

The increase in the gross footprint is due to the significant increase in the use of the church during the year for a wide variety of concerts and events. However this is offset by Climate Stewards.

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### **Environmental responsibilities (continued)**

St. John's have set up community recycling bins for pens, dental products and marigold gloves which will be taken to Terracycle collection points.

### **Governance and structure**

Rev Peter Willox was licensed as Vicar on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2012. He is assisted by the Rev Jan Copsey, who is licensed as a non-stipendiary Associate Priest.

#### **Committees**

To enable the church to fulfil its Vision, we have several committees and teams. These meet when required between full meetings of the PCC, and bring items to it for discussion and decision.

**Standing committee:** This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council. At St John's, this is named the **Wardens and Standing Committee**. It meets every two months and consists of the vicar, the wardens and assistant wardens, treasurer and secretary. It meets to progress items of general maintenance and other issues delegated to it by the PCC, and ensures that the duties of the wardens are being covered.

**Finance committee:** This oversees the general financial activities of St John's (including mission giving) by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and maintaining appropriate financial controls.

**Mission support group:** This group attends to matters relating to St John's support of mission and relief agencies. The Mission Support Group works with our mission partners to assess needs.

**Environment Committee:** This committee, with the assistance of the Carbon Net Zero Group, is concerned with St John's 'Care of Creation' mission; to "strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth". The committee is chaired by the Parish Environment Officer, Lynn Haygarth.

**Clergy and Readers team:** The Vicar met regularly with the Associate Priest, Rev Jan Copsey, and our two Licensed Lay Ministers, Sylvia Walker and Dawn Jenkins, to discuss worship and general and particular pastoral issues.

Many members of the church give much of their time on a voluntary basis to help the church function and grow, and the PCC would like to formally record its thanks to them. Where external professional advice is necessary the Diocesan Advisory Committee and church architect have proved most helpful.



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### **Governance and structure (continued)**

#### **PCC membership**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the church representation rules. At St John's, membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, churchwardens, Associate Priest, Licensed Lay Ministers, Deanery Synod representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. The PCC also has power to co-opt members who have a specific role in the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to join the electoral roll and play an active part in our church life.

Elected members serve for a period of three years. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

#### **Vicar**

Rev'd Peter Willox                      Chair

#### **Wardens**

Debbie Walker  
Caroline Watson                      Acting Treasurer

#### **Assistant wardens**

Caroline Elston  
Mark Gurney

#### **Representatives on Deanery Synod**

Lynn Haygarth  
Sylvia Walker

#### **Elected members**

Karen Oxtoby	Secretary
Miranda Armitage	
Peter Debney	
Elspeth Holmes	
Janet Munro	
Andy Rayment	
James Wright	
Sharon Crosby	Appointed 29 April 2024
Nikki Gibson	Appointed 29 April 2024

#### **Non-elected Members**

Rev Jan Copsey	Associate Priest
Sylvia Walker	LLM
Dawn Jenkins	LLM & Safeguarding Officer

## **St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding**

### **Financial summary**

An overall surplus of £59,749 was recognised in 2024 (2023: deficit £(5,218)). On our general (unrestricted) fund there was a surplus of £12,822 (2023: deficit £(5,734)) and on restricted funds a surplus of £46,927 (2023: surplus £516).

The Church paid £85.5k in parish share in 2024 compared to the share request of £125k, in line with the 2024 budget approved by the PCC. The PCC has budgeted a target of £80k for parish share in 2025. The ability to meet the share continues to be affected by high utility costs as well as inflationary pressures on other expenditure. The share provides support to other parishes and mission initiatives as well as clergy stipends, homes and pensions. The PCC recognises the importance of meeting its full share request and will continue to work towards this goal, despite the ongoing difficult circumstances.

Although the church was unable to pay its requested 2024 parish share in full, no liability for this is being carried forward in these accounts based on the advice of the Diocese.

In 2024, there was an decrease in unrestricted regular giving of 4.5%. Hall hire continued to be a significant source of income at £30.2k, an increase of 3.1% over 2023. Excluding parish share, general costs have decreased by 1%, savings on repairs and maintenance offsetting the impact of continuing high inflation on other major cost categories, notably utilities and administration costs. The PCC reviews income and expenditure on a regular basis and continues to closely manage its costs, as well as look at ways to increase income.

In addition to regular giving from the congregation, St John's also benefited in the year from a legacy of £11.5k as well as generous donations and fundraising efforts towards the repair of the North Aisle Roof. The PCC is very grateful to all its church members for their time, effort and donations which enable St John's to continue as a thriving church for the benefit of its local community and the wider world.

### **Pensions**

St John's participates in NEST, a workplace pension scheme which is run by the NEST Corporation, a non-departmental public body which is accountable to Parliament through the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

The pension scheme is a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year were £434 (2023: £Nil).

### **Reserves policy**

It is the PCC's policy to hold unrestricted funds which equates to two and a half to three months' expenditure. These reserves are held to meet the day-to-day running costs of the church and to help finance significant projects as and when required.

The available reserves of £46.5k consist of the unrestricted reserves of £85.7k, less fixed assets of £4.4k, and reserves designated by the PCC under the above policy of £34.9k.

## **St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding**

### **Reserves policy (continued)**

The allocation of the available reserves was carefully considered at the year end by the PCC when £1,500 was transferred to the restricted fund for roof repairs and an additional payment of £1,500 towards our parish share for 2024 above the budgeted amount. It was felt prudent to retain additional reserves until the north aisle roof project has been completed and some additional maintenance work required arising from storm damage which has arisen after the budget had been approved..

The budget is prepared on an annual basis, approved by the PCC, and by members, at the annual parochial church meeting. In 2024, the PCC continued its policy of budgeting for major repairs and renewals expected in the year.

### **Risk management**

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed have been reviewed, and systems or procedures designed to manage those risks have been established.

Rev'd P Willox  
Chair  
12 May 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the year ending 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments:</b>					
Voluntary income – direct giving		121,325	36,994	158,319	138,468
Gross income from events and other activities		31,882	9,252	41,134	35,473
Bank interest		1,253	-	1,253	280
<b>Total income and endowments</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>154,460</b>	<b>46,246</b>	<b>200,706</b>	<b>174,221</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Grants and mission giving	8	7,350	-	7,350	8,137
Support costs		388	-	388	392
Directly relating to the work of the Church		112,120	669	112,789	152,579
Church management and administration		20,255	19	20,274	18,331
Fundraising costs		-	156	156	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>140,113</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>140,957</b>	<b>179,439</b>
Net income/(expenditure)		14,347	45,402	59,749	(5,218)
Transfers between funds		(1,525)	1,525	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>12,822</b>	<b>46,927</b>	<b>59,749</b>	<b>(5,218)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Balance brought forward		72,884	1,887	74,771	79,989
<b>Balance carried forward</b>		<b>85,706</b>	<b>48,814</b>	<b>134,520</b>	<b>74,771</b>

The accompanying notes on pages 14 to 21 are an integral part of this statement.

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**BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2024**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	4,356	5,518
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Debtors and prepayments	5	32,157	19,252
Short term deposits		90,146	6,316
Cash at bank and in hand		16,263	50,693
		<b>138,566</b>	<b>76,261</b>
 <b>Liabilities falling due within one year</b>	 6	 8,402	 7,008
 <b>Net current assets</b>		 <b>130,164</b>	 <b>69,253</b>
 <b>Total net assets</b>		 <b>134,520</b>	 <b>74,771</b>
 <b>Represented by:</b>			
Unrestricted funds	7	85,706	72,884
Restricted funds	7	48,814	1,887
 <b>Total funds</b>		 <b>134,520</b>	 <b>74,771</b>

The Accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12 May 2025.

----- Vicar (Chair)

----- Warden

The accompanying notes on pages 14 to 21 are an integral part of this statement.

## **St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2024**

#### **1. Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the applicable accounting standard FRS102 and SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared using the accruals basis and the historic cost convention. 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 main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

##### **a. Funds**

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Restricted funds are allocated for a specific purpose by either the donor or the PCC. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that are affiliated to another body nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

##### **b. Incoming resources**

Voluntary income:

- Collections and donations are recognised when received.
- Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid income is recognised when claimable.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.
- Funds raised from special events and activities are accounted for gross of expenditure.

Other income:

- Rental income from letting church premises and allotments is accounted for when incurred.
- Parochial fees for weddings, funerals etc are accounted for when they arise.

##### **c. Resources used**

Expenses are recognised when incurred. Grants, mission giving, and Diocesan Share are accounted for when payable.

## **St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2024 (continued)**

#### **d. Balance sheet**

##### Fixed assets:

- Consecrated land and buildings are excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011 as they are removed from the definition of charity for the purposes of the Act. Costs associated with the maintenance or improvement of such assets are written off in the year incurred.
- Moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are considered to be inalienable property. There is insufficient cost information available to capitalise historic purchases of these assets. From 2014, purchases of such assets are capitalised where the cost is greater than £4,000 and depreciated over their useful lives.
- All other fixtures, fittings and office equipment are capitalised where the cost is greater than £4,000 and are depreciated over their useful lives.

##### Current assets:

- Amounts owing to the PCC at the year-end are shown as debtors.
- Short term deposits include cash held at the bank or in the money market.

#### **e. Reserves policy**

The PCC has considered the amount of reserves that should be held and has decided that two and a half to three months of operating costs is appropriate.

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2024 (continued)

### 2. Income and endowments

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Voluntary Income (direct giving)				
Regular giving	85,222	-	85,222	92,413
Other collections at services	2,504	1,531	4,035	3,441
Grants	2,451	5,500	7,951	2,615
Legacies	10,418	1,070	11,488	2,000
Sundry donations	324	24,519	24,843	10,848
Income tax recoverable	20,406	4,374	24,780	27,151
	<b>121,325</b>	<b>36,994</b>	<b>158,319</b>	<b>138,468</b>
Gross income from events and activities:				
Church hall and allotment fees	30,226	-	30,226	29,317
Fees	1,614	-	1,614	1,468
Fundraising activities	-	8,868	8,868	3,930
Sundry receipts	42	384	426	758
	<b>31,882</b>	<b>9,252</b>	<b>41,134</b>	<b>35,473</b>
Bank interest	1,253	-	1,253	280
<b>Total income and endowments</b>	<b>154,460</b>	<b>46,246</b>	<b>200,706</b>	<b>174,221</b>



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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2024 (continued)

### 3. Expenditure

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants and mission giving:					
Mission partners	8	4,360	-	4,360	4,250
Other mission agencies	8	2,890	-	2,890	2,750
Other charities and agencies	8	160	-	160	1,137
		<b>7,410</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,410</b>	<b>8,137</b>
Support costs:					
Teaching and worship		388	-	388	392
Directly relating to the work of the Church:					
Parish share to Diocese		85,500	-	85,500	88,000
Service expenses		2,029	-	2,029	1,741
Clergy expenses		449	-	449	509
Pastoral care		100	-	100	100
Hospitality		136	669	805	194
Insurance		2,495	-	2,495	2,387
Repairs and maintenance	9	8,390	-	8,390	48,681
Telephone and broadband		1,576	-	1,576	1,301
Utilities		10,282	-	10,282	9,376
Depreciation		1,163	-	1,163	290
		<b>112,120</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>112,789</b>	<b>152,579</b>
Church management and administration					
Staff costs	10	17,165	-	17,165	15,272
Printing and stationery		2,134	-	2,134	2,638
IT		772	-	772	222
Sundry expenses		124	19	143	199
		<b>20,195</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20,214</b>	<b>18,331</b>
Fundraising costs		-	156	156	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>140,113</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>140,957</b>	<b>179,439</b>

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2024 (continued)

### 4. Tangible fixed assets

	Church fixtures, fittings and equipment £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2024	22,808
Additions	-
Disposals	(17,000)
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>5,808</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 January 2024	17,290
Disposals	(17,000)
Charge for the year	1,162
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>1,452</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>4,356</b>
At 31 December 2023	5,518

### 5. Debtors and prepayments

	2024 £	2023 £
Income tax recoverable	16,233	13,291
Other debtors	11,397	5,277
Prepayments and accrued income	4,527	684
	<b>32,157</b>	<b>19,252</b>

### 6. Liabilities falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Sundry creditors	2,394	2,954
Sundry accruals	6,008	4,054
	<b>8,402</b>	<b>7,008</b>

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2024 (continued)

### 7. Funds

Movement in funds are as follows:

	1 Jan 2024 £	Incoming Resources (note 2) £	Resources Expended (note 3) £	Transfers Between funds £	31 Dec 2024 £
Roof Fund	1,379	45,341	(844)	1500	47,376
Environmental Improvements	40	-	-	-	40
Sound and Vision	(275)	250	-	25	-
The Ark	743	655	-	-	1,398
<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>1,887</b>	<b>46,246</b>	<b>(844)</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>48,814</b>
Gifts	12,500	-	-	-	12,500
Legacies	2,000	10,418	-	-	12,418
Messy Church	2,538	100	(288)	-	2,350
Youth Work	510	-	-	-	510
<b>Designated funds</b>	<b>17,548</b>	<b>10,518</b>	<b>(288)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,778</b>
General reserves	55,336	143,942	(139,825)	(1,525)	57,928
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>74,771</b>	<b>200,706</b>	<b>(140,957)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>134,520</b>

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 31 December 2024 (continued)

### 8. Mission giving

	2024 £	2023 £
Mission partners:		
Give a Child a Hope	1,285	1,250
MAF	1,025	1,000
Open Doors	1,025	1,000
CMS	1,025	1,000
	<b>4,360</b>	<b>4,250</b>
Other mission agencies:		
Sudan Link	1,025	1,000
Otley Christian Resources Hub	565	550
Inn Churches	515	500
CAP	475	300
CPAS Falcon Camps	310	300
Operation Mobilisation	-	100
	<b>2,890</b>	<b>2,750</b>
<b>Total mission giving</b>	<b>7,250</b>	<b>7,000</b>
Other charities and agencies:		
Give a Child a Hope	-	350
Friends of Martin House	-	350
The Principle Trust	-	370
Climate Stewards	60	67
<b>Total other charities and agencies</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1,137</b>
Other	100	-
<b>Total grants and mission giving</b>	<b>7,410</b>	<b>8,137</b>

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2024 (continued)

### 9. Repairs and maintenance

	2024 £	2023 £
Heating/boiler repairs	1342	4,585
Tree surgery	600	-
Lighting and electrical installation and repairs	478	-
Tables	500	-
Catering equipment	151	-
Vacuum cleaner	146	-
Chairs	-	24,151
Sound desk	-	4,558
Hall windows	-	2,378
Church floor restoration	-	4,480
Roof work	-	734
Sound and vision repairs	349	18
Piano and organ tuning and repairs	150	420
Cleaning services	2,847	4,419
Sundries including full appliance servicing	1,827	2,938
<b>Total repairs and maintenance</b>	<b>8,390</b>	<b>48,681</b>

### 10. Staff costs

The Church had three part-time employees during 2024 (2023:3) whose wages during the year were:

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>17,165</b>	<b>15,272</b>

The highest paid employee received total remuneration of £8,986 (2023: £7,881). PCC members were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment with the Church in the year other than clergy expenses of £549 (2023: £509). These expenses covered pastoral aid costs and sundry travel fees for 2 clergy (2023: 2). No PCC member received payment for professional or other services from the Church in the year (2023: Nil). There were no related party transactions during the year which require disclosure (2023: Nil).

**St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding**

**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES  
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of its financial activities for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the PCC is required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
2. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the PCC and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. The PCC is also responsible for safeguarding the assets and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Rev'd Peter Willox  
PCC Chair  
12 May 2025

**St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of  
St John's Ben Rhydding**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

..... 12 May 2025

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