

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, COSBY

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

(Accounts on separate document)

**Bank:
Santander
Bootle
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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING REPORT

BACKGROUND

St Michael and All Angels P.C.C. has the responsibility to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church of St Michael and All Angels, Cosby and for the Bunning Memorial Hall, Main Street, Cosby.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the P.C.C. are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the P.C.C.

Incumbent: **Interregnum**

Readers: **Mr Eric Leese ***
Mr Martin Stevenson

Churchwardens: **Mrs Susan Lee**

Representative on the Deanery Synod:
Mrs Janice Wyllie

***Elected members:** **Mrs Hilary Cooper – P.C.C. Secretary**
Mr Brian Woodcock – P.C.C. Treasurer
Mrs Joy Franklin – Electoral Roll Officer
Mrs Winifred Furborough
Mrs Jean Graham
Mrs Linda Stevenson – Pastoral Care
Mrs Christine Newton**

In accordance with the Resolution passed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2008 Parochial Church Members are elected on a three year cycle.

*** Lay Reader, Mr Eric Leese, did not wish to serve on the P.C.C.**

****Christine Newton served as a Churchwarden up the APCM 2024 but did not wish to continue.**

COMMITTEES

The P.C.C. operates through a number of committees which meet as required between full meetings of the P.C.C. All recommendations from such committees are decided by the P.C.C.

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the P.C.C. between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Finance and Property Committee: This committee oversee the general financial dimension of the work of St. Michael and All Angels by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and regularly reviewing all matters relating to finance. It also oversees matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as the Church and the Bunning Memorial Hall, and the fabric of both buildings, although much of this work is undertaken under the direction of the Churchwarden.

Pastoral Concerns: As evident from the report, many members of the congregation do a wonderful job pastorally to ensure those in need are contacted by visits, phone calls and the taking round of gifts from the church when appropriate to do so. Linda Stevenson oversees Pastoral Care.

Baptism, Wedding and Funeral Policies are reviewed annually, changes made as necessary and adopted by P.C.C.

Wedding and Funeral fees were reviewed and non-statutory charges revised.

Marriage registration requirements changed in May 2021 with Register offices now responsible for the registration of marriages and issuing of certificates. Our registers and certificate books were deposited – the registers have been closed, and we were able to keep one copy for research purposes.

Health and Safety Policy is reviewed annually and changes made as necessary. The policy was rewritten and adopted in 2024.

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Safeguarding Policy is covered at every P.C.C. meeting and reviewed and updated annually in line with guidance from Leicester Diocese. Janice Wyllie is the church Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

Data Protection is covered at every PCC meeting and continually reviewed. Hilary Cooper is the church Data Protection Officer.

Social and Fundraising Committee: Members of this committee arrange fundraising and social events, such as coffee mornings and supper group. Their hard

work catering and organising these events is much appreciated. Money raised is vital towards the costs of running the church. They also organise coffee mornings for charity.

ELECTORAL ROLL

There were 60 names on the Roll in January 2024. During the year there was one death - Gwilym Jacob, and the year ended with 59 on the Roll and 11 of these live outside the village.

Joy Franklin December 2024

CHURCH ATTENDANCE 2024

Palm Sunday – Benefice Service at Narborough, Good Friday – 30, Easter Sunday - 43, Harvest – 18, Remembrance – 100+, Advent Praise – 55, Christingle – 30, Nine Lessons & Carol – 100+, Crib Service – 24, Christmas Eve carols– not held in 2024. Christmas Day – 23. Of the regular services during the rest of the year, average Sunday attendance was 26 attendees. Wednesday morning Holy Communions attracted an average of 8 attendees.

There were many funeral services in church, mostly conducted by Martin Stevenson. There were several baptisms and a wedding.

Parochial Church Council

During 2024, Parochial Church Council met in March, June, September and November and Standing Committee meets a few weeks before each PCC to set the agenda and discuss matters for ratification at P.C.C. There was a Finance and Property Meeting in November 2024. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in April 2024.

A detailed, independently examined, breakdown of the church financial situation can be seen on the accompanying Financial Statement and Accounts.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT 2024

2024 was blown in by very high winds damaging property and uprooting trees that distributed their branches over gardens and roads. The church did not escape, although our damage was at a minimum in comparison to some properties. Ridge and roof tiles on both the porch and chancel roof needed attention. Steve Mills, roofer, refitted and replaced damaged tiles and cleaned the gutters for us.

One of the largest expenses of the year was the Five-Year Electrical check. New fuse boxes were fitted in the vestry and in the Bunning Hall. The new boxes appeared to be “slim lined” in comparison with the old, outdated ones but a 5p coin is still required to open the front door of each box as they don't have keys! All electrical equipment used in church underwent the annual PAT test.

The church porch was redecorated, paid for by a family, in memory of a loved one, and looks lovely.

All the other annual maintenance tests have been carried out and the Faraday Cage was tested by Thunderbolt. Various certificates can be viewed on the porch notice board.

Some of the old church records are still available in the metal safe in the small vestry. The majority are kept at the Record Offices in Wigston. It was fortuitous, therefore, that when I was contacted by the nephew of the late Dorothy Arnold - who once owned the haberdashery shop in the Nook - I was able to find the information that was requested!

The Remembrance Service was well attended not only by adults but by the uniformed organisations as well. Eric Leese liaised with Cosby Parish Council and the march round the village and church service followed the same pattern as in the previous year but without the rain. The sound system supplied by the Council allowed everyone to hear and participate in the outdoor part of the service and many continued inside the church for the rest of the morning.

The Fund-Raising campaign commenced in November when all the houses in Cosby received an invitation to become a Friend of Cosby Church. This will be an on-going fund-raiser with pamphlets being displayed at all future events. A "progress" card will be sent to all contributors near Eastertime together with thanks for their support.

The Quinquennial was undertaken in October, and we now await the results. It will cost over £1100. It is a very thorough and detailed report. I am very grateful that I didn't have to climb or crawl through some of the areas that the architect investigated!

We remain on very good terms with the other churches of All Saints in Narborough and St. Peters in Whetstone. Alongside our Team Services on the fifth Sunday, we try to support the various social fund-raising events that each church plans. The churchwardens meet frequently for coffee and a chat to discuss any special services or problems that have arisen. It's a good way of gauging how each church is coping in a very difficult time of change.

We have been extremely fortunate in continuing to have a Communion Service regularly. We are very grateful to the Rev. David Faulks who has made Whetstone and Cosby his places of worship on a Sunday morning. We have also welcomed the Rev. Sue Frost, the Rev. David Jennings and the Rev. Carol Lacey to take our services when he was unavailable. Thanks, must also go to Chris Newton and Susan Gutteridge, at Whetstone, who have "found" clergy when needed and have produced the rotas that have made life so much easier!

We have managed to come through a challenging year, where the future of St. Michael's church lacks clarity. However, I would like to thank you all for your support, loyalty and patience over the past months. I have greatly appreciated the help of our Lay Readers - with Eric's return in good health - and to Martin who is always so willing to contribute to the many aspects of our church life.

THANK YOU EVERYONE.

May the Lord be with you always.

Sue Lee

FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2024

Members of the Committee met on 28th October 2024 when the Fees, end-of-year donations and Budget for 2025 were discussed. Their recommendations were considered by the P.C.C. members on 11th November 2024 and approved.

Table of Statutory Fees for 2025 came out at the end of 2024. The total fee for a **Wedding in Church** would be £936 but there could be various reductions if certain services were not required. The total fee for a **Funeral Service in Church** would be £439 with deductions if the heating and organ were not required. **Burial in a cemetery or cremation immediately preceding or following on from a service in church** would be £35. **Burial of Ashes** in the churchyard at another time would attract a fee of £198. For a **Service only at the crematorium** the fees totalled £234 (but if a crematorium had fixed different charges those would apply). **Burial Certificate issued at time of burial** £19. Fee for a **Memorial Service** would be £284.

Local Fees for Weddings and Funerals

Organist – no increase, remains at **£75**

Verger – increase from £45 to **£50**

Heating (October to Easter) – increase from £70 to **£80**

Bells – no increase, remains at **£150** (£25 to each of six ringers)

Choir – on application.

Donations have been made to:- This year, plate collections/donations to **Children's Society** (Christingle and Coffee morning, **British Legion** (Remembrance) - £176.02. **Save the Children** - £67 (Cosby Churches Together service at St Michaels'); **Historic Churches Trust** (Ride and Stride - £578.75 was received back, **Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank** £170 (Harvest). **Kimbilio** - £300 approx. **Scleroderma Society** - £50.

Gifts of fruit and vegetables are given out at Harvest to those known to the church in the village who are having a difficult time.

Salvation Army Toy Collection – this is organised by Linda and Martin Stevenson each year and is very well supported.

The Church Treasurer, Brian Woodcock, reported towards the end of 2024 that we were £10,000 short and needed to raise approximately £1000 per month. Total receipts in 2024 - £50,182. Payments out - £54,495.

The Quinquennial Inspection took place in October, and although it was largely positive, there is work to be done on the church building.

The 5-yearly electrical inspection in 2024 cost around £5000.

The annual Book and Puzzle Sale has provided very useful funds. At Christmas a Christmas Tree Festival in December 2024 organised by Helen Stevenson was very enjoyable and successful. As well as being very good fundraising events, it was great to see so many people from the village and further afield coming along to both.

A letter was sent out to all regular givers to thank them for supporting the church so faithfully and generously at a financially challenging time.

A Generous Giving Campaign in the form of Friends of Cosby Church was launched in 2024 as an ongoing project. A leaflet put together by a small team was distributed to every household in the village in October.

We paid £16,000 to the Diocese for our Parish Contribution in 2024 which was £7,000 short of our pledge of £23,000.

For 2025 our Parish Contribution pledge is £12,000.

Accounts are independently examined by accountant Samantha Cox.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2024

It seems possible that there will only be two meetings a year going forward.

At the meeting of 21st February 2024 the main topic was, 'Growing Vocations', a title which could have several meanings either in the sense of vocations which were growing, or more like in this case, parishes being proactive in the organisation of their ministry. The speaker explained it as the calling of all God's People to possible lay ministry, which is being encouraged in the diocese to alleviate the lack of ordained ministers, and to provide leaders for the new Minister groups.

At the September meeting, the speaker was Philip Leach, at late notice.

There was a slight increase in giving in 2023, but less in 2024, but none of this has kept up with the effects of inflation.

The Diocese has reduced expenditure by stopping any recruitment of staff and the book shop has closed. St. Martin's House is now closed to the public and rooms let to generate revenue. Philip Leach felt:

- Parishes were too linked to their buildings - church could take place anywhere, which doesn't cover the difficulties of preserving historical churches.
- Reserves should be spent - some parishes have large reserves.

This raised various points:

- If ministry is to be put at the top of the priority list and buildings secondary, is it suggested that the buildings should close? Is that what will happen?
- The point was made that cutting clergy numbers was not the best idea, as in parishes where there was an incumbent, giving was higher.
- How financially successful did it seem the first Minster community seem to be? Some improvement in total giving but still not covering the expenses.
- Many parishes were struggling to raise the money to pay the Parish Contribution.

Jan Wyllie

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2024

All relevant policies were reviewed and accepted by the PCC in November 2024, and displayed as required in the church, as was the information poster at the back of the church.

DBS checks were renewed when needed.

Hilary Cooper and Jan Wyllie took part in the Safeguarding Leadership Pathway (VSLT) which was considered necessary by the Diocese because we have no incumbent. It is a lengthy course, consisting of an online workbook and two two-hour ZOOM meetings. The main content is to train people in the recognition and management of safeguarding in the church setting.

Basic, foundation and domestic abuse training will be required for all PCC members in 2026, as it will be three years since it was completed and must be renewed every three years.

Now that the bell-ringers have started meeting again on a regular basis, I approached Sarah Freer in her role as Bell-tower Captain to check the main points of safeguarding cover in this activity. There is a minor attending training, but she is always accompanied by a parent.

I followed the visit with a letter outlining the main points and asked for confirmation that these were in place. To date I have not had a reply.

It came to my attention recently that formal P.C.C. agreement for activities is very important for insurance purposes. This came to light during 2024 with a request from the Methodist Church to use the Bunning Hall for children's activity meetings. I did approach the diocesan safeguarding team for clarification, but it became unnecessary to pursue this further as the MC decided not to continue with their plans.

DATA PROTECTION REPORT 2024

Data Protection appears on the agenda at all PCC meetings during the year. As new contacts come our way, they are given a copy of the Data Privacy Notice and a Data Collection Form as required by General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Those who send out emails to many contacts, some of whom may not be members of the church, have been asked to use the BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) feature to ensure email addresses are kept private.

Data Protection is less onerous a task for us than it is for a larger church which may hold many contact details on a database. But we still need to take care that we are keeping records for legitimate purposes and dispensing with them when they are no longer needed or when it is requested that we do so.

Hilary Cooper

PASTORAL REPORT 2024

We have again been supporting Lutterworth Food Bank where people bring to church tins and packets all through the year, but at Harvest we had a special Harvest collection to help with the rent on the building they use and raised £170. The packets and tins we received went to Lutterworth Food Bank. We are told they are desperate for food etc. now.

At Christmas, we continued with the toy collection for the children and gift sets for the teenagers for the Salvation Army Toy Collection. This enables children to have a toy or gift set who probably would not get a gift without our help. Apparently, the Salvation Army in Hinckley area was able to help 475 children, which represented 240 families. Each child was able to have 3-4 presents as well as stocking fillers to open on Christmas morning. Also, during the year, we helped out with clothes for the homeless.

During 2024, we sent out our usual Easter and Christmas cards, and at Harvest we sent out 7 gifts to people who are housebound, ill, or bereaved.

We would still like to hear about people or families who need help in any way so we can possibly make a visit or send a card. If you hear of anyone, please let someone know.

We are still able to offer a lift to people who needed a lift to church or appointments, and we were also able to offer people meals who needed a bit of extra help.

Thank you to all people in 2024 who went on one or more of the many rotas.

Linda Stevenson

CHOIR REPORT 2024

2024 saw the Choir continuing to rehearse every week and sing for the Communion services on the first Sunday of each month. We were also pleased to be able to sing for some of the special services, in particular Remembrance, Advent and the Nine Lessons. As always, I ensured that we performed a range of music over those services, from the 13th to the 21st centuries.

It was very good to again see an increase in the congregation for The Nine Lessons and Carols this year – gradually getting back towards the sorts of numbers we used to see before the Pandemic with the Church almost full. Unfortunately, we were unable to sing at Christmas Eve due to timing and the absence of some members of the Choir.

We again put on a successful summer concert, 'Fun and Games' which coincided with the theme of the Yarn Bomb. We were very grateful to Anne de Graeve who accompanied us on the piano, and Martin Stevenson and the team who helped with the refreshments and logistics. We are hoping to put on another concert this year.

As always, the members of the Choir have been working very hard, often rehearsing the music at home in order to make sure that they get it right and they have, I believe, performed really well. Thanks are also due to Martin Barstow who plays the organ for our sung services and, likewise, works very hard to produce music of a high standard.

As noted for the last few years, I am sorry to say that the future looks increasingly challenging. St Michael's is very rare in having a choir that can regularly perform 4-part, unaccompanied music: aside from the Cathedral and St James in the City, there are now almost none across the whole of the County. We have to be very aware, though, that the Choir is getting older and we are gradually losing members: we are now reduced to eleven. Also, several of us have children/grandchildren who live away from Cosby and so there are quite often weekends when some of us are away catching up with our families which means we cannot sing the range of music that we used to. We will do our best to continue to support the services and produce good music over the coming year but I must admit that, without new members who can sing, the long-term future does not look very bright.

Jon Scott March 2025

BELL RINGERS' REPORT 2023

After a relatively quiet start to the year things are beginning to improve for the Cosby band of ringers.

At the start of the year (2024) we were not having any regular practice nights due to lack of numbers and I was joining the Enderby band on a Monday for their

practice night. For the last few months of the year though they have been coming to ring at Cosby on the first Monday of the month. A few of our other Cosby ringers have also been able to join us on occasion. One of the Enderby ringers, Phil Staples, has also been kind enough to make us a “rope warmer” – a tall wooden box which the ropes go into, making them much more supple to ring in the cold weather. It is a joy to ring our new ropes when they are suitably supple.

In October, I started working with Sarah Catherall from Whetstone to teach some new ringers for Cosby. Whilst this is a huge learning curve for me, Sarah has been very supportive and we now have 4 learners making good progress. Most of the learning is taking place at Whetstone as the bells are easier to handle, and can also be easily silenced so that the village doesn't hear them. The learners have had some sessions at Cosby too and the aim is for at least some of them to be ringing rounds at Cosby for Easter 2025.

We have not managed to ring for services in 2024 but have rung for the one wedding and have also had a visiting band of ringers.

As far as I am aware the bells and frame are in good condition.

Here's to 2025 and our new ringers to boost the Cosby band.

Sarah Freer Tower Captain Feb 2025

MESSY CHURCH REPORT 2024

Messy Church resumed in February with a session entitled “Bee-attitudes”. The difficult to explain theme of the Beatitudes was capably handled by Hazel Tingle. Thankfully, the bee-themed crafts were easier to arrange.

In March it was Messy Easter which was well-attended. We read some of the Easter story and showed some on DVD. Crafts included an Easter flower arrangement, a Holy Week cross and an Easter Garden of Gethsemane.

In April we had the Story of the Feeding of the 5000 and, in May, the Parable of the Good Samaritan. The latter was a rather chaotic session where many present did not engage with the story or the craft activities.

In June we had a very enjoyable session which included a tour of the church based on a very successful quiz devised by Di Scott. The weather was reasonable after a wet start, so we had a picnic behind the Bunning Hall.

This concluded Messy Church after about 12 years. During the Summer we decided not to carry on. It was a difficult decision in some ways but not in others. None of us is getting any younger and some are very busy with other commitments, especially as we do not have an incumbent. We have had some very faithful attendees but, since the pandemic, we seem to have lost momentum regarding attendance, and very few parents and children from Cosby come along. But overall, it has been a great journey over the years, and I cannot adequately express my thanks to all the helpers, many of whom have been with us since the start. It was hoped to carry on with Easter and Christmas Messy Churches during the

holidays, although Christmas is often difficult with the schools breaking up late. This hasn't been ruled out for the future.

Family Fun Day - We held our ever-popular annual Fun Day again in September and it was well attended by over 100 parents and children. Thankfully it wasn't as hot as in 2023 and we were able to have activities outside as well as indoors.

As well as the bouncy castle we had a sandpit and also Kwik cricket organised by Tony Cooper. We welcomed back Richard the Juggler and yet again children and adults enjoyed doing new tricks.

Indoors, the craft tables were kept very busy with the very popular "Design Your Own T-Shirt" and many other activities. With all that was going on, there was still time for adults to enjoy tea and cake and the children, pop and ice-lollies.

Hilary Cooper

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING REPORT 2024

In 2024 we did some of the usual events and a couple of new things. The pre-owned/loved sale in January did well. Bill and Elaine did a quiz one evening in April to raise funds for church. The Book and Puzzle sale again went really well with loads of books and plenty of customers. Whilst the Yarn Bomb was on we held a community café with some stalls which was very successful. Then in December, Helen Stevenson organised a Christmas Tree Festival which was also a great success with lots of visitors to the church. During the year we raised around £5,130 from these events.

As there are only six of us on the committee, it is nice when someone offers to do something for us. Without help from family and friends it would be hard to do what we do manage to do. We really could do with some new people to help us so if you fancy joining us please get in touch. We need you!

Many thanks to all who do help, all on the committee, Ros Clark for the book sale, Bill and Elaine for the quiz, The Yarn Bomb, Helen Stevenson, Linda and Martin for the Christmas Tree festival.

Alison Norman

SUPPER EVENING 2024

We meet up to six times a year for an enjoyable evening for a very enjoyable evening of shared food and chat. Numbers have dropped a little but we all enjoy these evenings so are carrying on for the time being. We meet at a different home each time. In August David and I host a BBQ, then in December we went to Jan and Philip's home. We had some money left over from the BBQ so managed to get a small gift for each of us. We also do a charity draw, each paying £1 and when we have £50 in the pot we draw a charity out of the box. We would like to welcome anyone who would like to come along. Have a word with Alison Norman.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester

This report on the accounts of Cosby PCC (Charity No. 1133983) for the year ended 31st December, 2024 which are set out on pages 2 to 4,

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

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

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

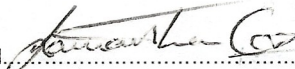
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

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 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.

Mrs. Samantha J. Cox
11 The Paddocks
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Leicester
LE19 5JP

Signed



Date

16/2/2025



28 April 2025

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester
Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2024

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources from Donors				
Stewardship envelopes, income under covenants & Gift Aid	18662		18182	
Bequests	0		3000	
Church collections	1939		1474	
Income tax recovered (Gift Aid)	5259		5382	
Interest on Income tax recovered	36		40	
		25896		28078
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources				
Donations to Funds (see Note 3)	2646		4072	
Donations to Bunning Hall Upkeep	270		128	
Donations for Good Causes	625		921	
Grants for Church Restoration	1121		470	
Grants for Bunning Hall	0		0	
		4662		5590
Activities for Generating Funds				
Book & Puzzle Sale	1364		1107	
Flower Festival	0		135	
Ride or Stride	998		737	
Concerts (Style Concert/Sing Christmas)	106		120	
Coffee Mornings/Afternoon Tea	300		230	
Children's Society Box Opening/Christingle etc	321		396	
Christmas Coffee Morning	783		781	
Bills Quiz/Event Quiz/Christmas Quiz	580		1	
Christmas Tree event inc surprise presents	421		0	
Parish Breakfast/Soups & Puds etc	421		176	
Miscellaneous Fund raising	329		58	
Cards/Mugs/Church History etc (See Note 2)	44		40	
Spring Fayre	879		675	
Yarn Bomb event café	679		0	
		7225		4455
Income from Investments				
Building Society Interest	1347		471	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	57		48	
Bunning Hall Fund Deposit Account Interest	13		5	
		1416		525
Other ordinary Incoming Resources				
Sale of Magazine - Discontinued	0		16	
Printing	0		3	
Fees from Wedding and Funerals	1499		2891	
Insurance Claim	0		0	
		1499		2910
Church Hall				
Sundry Lettings	9484		11578	
		9484		11578
Total Receipts		50182		53136

St Michael and All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester - Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2024

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account - Continued

Payments

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Grants				
Donations to Missions and Relief Agencies & Other Charitable Organisations	2268		2036	
Other Charitable Giving (See Note 3)	35		35	
Grants				
		2303		2071
Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church				
Fund raising expenses	268		26	
Diocesan Parish Contribution	16000		22032	
Wedding and Funeral Expenses	0		590	
Ministry expenses - includes Travel, Telephone Charges & Internet Line	221		500	
Religious Education	45		173	
Out Reach	225		347	
Upkeep of Services	294		536	
Insurances including roof security	5083		3487	
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance inc Organ	2240		5747	
Church Grounds/Garden	888		983	
Electricity	6214		7351	
Fire/Quinquennial Inspection	870		0	
		32348		41772
Church Management and Administration				
Books, printing and stationery	122		74	
Miscellaneous Expenses	675		902	
Magazine Expenses	0		0	
Risograph Expenses	284		671	
New Printer	0		0	
		1081		1647
Church Hall				
Gas	2158		3633	
Electricity	1064		1351	
Water Rates	208		181	
Insurances	1081		1043	
Furniture	0		0	
Repairs	1608		1497	
Cleaning Expenses	1200		1307	
Miscellaneous Expenses	433		390	
Ground Maintenance	800		900	
		8551		10300
Major Capital Expenditure				
Major repair costs to church building inc redecoration	6432		1350	
Major repairs to church hall inc redecoration	3780		0	
		10212		1350
Total Payments		54495		57140

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester - Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2024

	£	£
Excess of Receipts (Payments)	-4312	-4004
Unaccounted funds		
Cash in Hand, Bank and Building Society accounts as at 1st January (see note 4)	53426	57430
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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester

This report on the accounts of Cosby PCC (Charity No. 1133983) for the year ended 31st December, 2024 which are set out on pages 2 to 4,

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

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

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

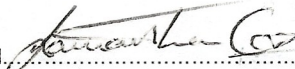
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

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 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.

Mrs. Samantha J. Cox
11 The Paddocks
Littlethorpe
Leicester
LE19 5JP

Signed



Date

16/2/2025



28 April 2025

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester
Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2024

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources from Donors				
Stewardship envelopes, income under covenants & Gift Aid	18662		18182	
Bequests	0		3000	
Church collections	1939		1474	
Income tax recovered (Gift Aid)	5259		5382	
Interest on Income tax recovered	36		40	
		25896		28078
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources				
Donations to Funds (see Note 3)	2646		4072	
Donations to Bunning Hall Upkeep	270		128	
Donations for Good Causes	625		921	
Grants for Church Restoration	1121		470	
Grants for Bunning Hall	0		0	
		4662		5590
Activities for Generating Funds				
Book & Puzzle Sale	1364		1107	
Flower Festival	0		135	
Ride or Stride	998		737	
Concerts (Style Concert/Sing Christmas)	106		120	
Coffee Mornings/Afternoon Tea	300		230	
Children's Society Box Opening/Christingle etc	321		396	
Christmas Coffee Morning	783		781	
Bills Quiz/Event Quiz/Christmas Quiz	580		1	
Christmas Tree event inc surprise presents	421		0	
Parish Breakfast/Soups & Puds etc	421		176	
Miscellaneous Fund raising	329		58	
Cards/Mugs/Church History etc (See Note 2)	44		40	
Spring Fayre	879		675	
Yarn Bomb event café	679		0	
		7225		4455
Income from Investments				
Building Society Interest	1347		471	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	57		48	
Bunning Hall Fund Deposit Account Interest	13		5	
		1416		525
Other ordinary Incoming Resources				
Sale of Magazine - Discontinued	0		16	
Printing	0		3	
Fees from Wedding and Funerals	1499		2891	
Insurance Claim	0		0	
		1499		2910
Church Hall				
Sundry Lettings	9484		11578	
		9484		11578
Total Receipts		50182		53136

St Michael and All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester - Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2024

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account - Continued

Payments

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Grants				
Donations to Missions and Relief Agencies & Other Charitable Organisations	2268		2036	
Other Charitable Giving (See Note 3)	35		35	
Grants				
		2303		2071
Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church				
Fund raising expenses	268		26	
Diocesan Parish Contribution	16000		22032	
Wedding and Funeral Expenses	0		590	
Ministry expenses - includes Travel, Telephone Charges & Internet Line	221		500	
Religious Education	45		173	
Out Reach	225		347	
Upkeep of Services	294		536	
Insurances including roof security	5083		3487	
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance inc Organ	2240		5747	
Church Grounds/Garden	888		983	
Electricity	6214		7351	
Fire/Quinquennial Inspection	870		0	
		32348		41772
Church Management and Administration				
Books, printing and stationery	122		74	
Miscellaneous Expenses	675		902	
Magazine Expenses	0		0	
Risograph Expenses	284		671	
New Printer	0		0	
		1081		1647
Church Hall				
Gas	2158		3633	
Electricity	1064		1351	
Water Rates	208		181	
Insurances	1081		1043	
Furniture	0		0	
Repairs	1608		1497	
Cleaning Expenses	1200		1307	
Miscellaneous Expenses	433		390	
Ground Maintenance	800		900	
		8551		10300
Major Capital Expenditure				
Major repair costs to church building inc redecoration	6432		1350	
Major repairs to church hall inc redecoration	3780		0	
		10212		1350
Total Payments		54495		57140

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