

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Great Wyrley

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Charity Commission registration number: 1134022

The Parochial Church Council of Great Wyrley
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024
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Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Great Wyrley (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Great Wyrley. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through non sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community. Our Mission Statement is: *A place where all can be changed by the love of Jesus and where faith and real life connect.*

Public Benefit

The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Wyrley it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Finance Review

There is a 14% increase in income from 2023 due to an increase in regular giving and fundraising.

In addition, total expenditure has reduced slightly from 2023 as we have had fewer essential repairs to pay for this year. However, due to an ongoing query with St Marks electricity provider, TotalEnergies no payments have been taken since September 2024. As a result, the church running electric figure is lower than it should actually be.

The special arrangement with Lichfield Diocese for the Common Fund payment to remain at £45,000 for 2024 has also helped.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £17,926 (2023: £19,861). It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year-end was £33,873 (2023: £24,208) which is higher than this target. The PCC are aware of this but want to keep the additional funds in these uncertain times as a buffer to the higher common fund payments and fuel bills. In addition, both St Marks and St Andrews are overdue a Quinquennial Inspection from 2024 which may require unforeseen expenditure. The Reserves Policy will be reviewed each year by the PCC to ensure that 3 months is still a reasonable target.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation. There were no Serious Incidents reported in 2024.

Risk Management

The Incumbent and members of the PCC carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwarden, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible 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 meet four times a year.

Related Parties

Donations from Related Parties

Donations from 22 related parties (PCC members) during the year totalled £15,066 (2023: £10,250). All these donations were received without conditions.

Remuneration paid to Trustees

One of the trustees has been paid £110 monthly x 12 = £1,320 for cleaning St Marks church on a self-employed basis. No other trustees have received any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the PCC.

Expenses paid to Trustees

No expenses were paid to trustees for travel or subsistence (2023: £0.00).

Reference and Administrative details

There are two churches within the parish of Great Wyrley.

- St Mark is situated at Station Rd, Great Wyrley, Walsall WS6 6LJ.
- St Andrew is situated at Hilton Lane, Great Wyrley Walsall, WS6 6ED.

The parish is part of the Deanery of Rugeley in the Diocese of Lichfield within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Vicarage, 1 Cleves Crescent, Cheslyn Hay, Walsall, WS6 7LR
Telephone No: 01922 512957

Charity Commission registration number: 1134022.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio Members

The Incumbent

Revd Marie Meredith (Chair from 25/09/24)
Pat Sutton (Retired Lay Reader)
Elizabeth Watson (Retired Lay Reader)
Hazel Twyman (St Marks DCC Treasurer)
Melanie Maloney (St Andrews and PCC Treasurer)

Elected Members

Officer of PCC: Geoff Knight (also St Mark's DCC Secretary)

Churchwardens:

St Andrews – Dianne Beddows (until 31/03/24)
St Andrews - Fatmata Conteh (from 28/07/24)

District Churchwardens:

St Marks – Hazel Partridge
St Andrews – Pam Wassell
St Andrews – Sean Maloney

The following were elected as Lay Members of the Parochial Church Council:

St Marks – Lynne Mills (Lay Vice Chair)	St Andrews – Dianne Beddows
St Marks – Thomas Baylis	St Andrews – Jackie Green
St Marks – Brenda Butler	St Andrews – Tracey Hall
St Marks – Karen Green	St Andrews – Diane Owen
St Marks – Ken Hackett	St Andrews – Moya Batey
St Marks – Chris Stockley	
St Marks – Bill McHale	
St Marks – Lillian Parry	
St Marks – Hazel Partridge	
St Marks – Dawn Penniall	

District Church Council members in addition to the above:

St Marks – John Reynolds

St Andrews – Margaret Matthews

St Marks – Ray Partridge

St Andrews – Yvonne Heath

Deanery Synod Reps

Moya Baty

Diane Owen

Lilian Parry

Dawn Penniell

During 2024, no District Warden was allocated to St Marks. Dianne Beddows, the Parish Warden resigned from the post as of 31st March 2024 due to ill health and has not been replaced.

Names and addresses of advisers

Bank

NatWest (St Andrew), 33 Park Street, Walsall WS1 1ER

Virgin Money (St Mark), 138 New Street, Birmingham, B2 4NS

Lloyds (Parish account), 3 Market Pl, Cannock WS11 1BD

**Independent
Examiner**

Ann Weitzel

Approved by the PCC on **29th January 2025** and signed on its behalf by:



Revd Marie Meredith



Lynne Mills



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The Parish Churches of St Marks Great Wyrley and St Andrew's Landywood.

On accounts for the year ended

2024

Charity no
(if any)

1134022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:



Date:

14/04/2025

Name:

Ann Weitzel

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

MA Mathematics

Address:

27 Lavender Ave, Coventry CV6 1BZ

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

The accounts are well kept for both churches

I would encourage the churches to continue the work being done on ensuring that all counting and payment of money is checked/authorised by two people. I am aware that payment is due to banking issues- but is in hand to change. I would encourage a review of counting systems for cash at the main Sunday services.

The Parochial Church Council of Great Wyrley

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a) & (C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Church Hall – since the closure of the site as a school in 1884, the property has been used for the benefit of the parish. In 2024, the site was registered in the name of the Lichfield Diocesan Trust as Custodian Trustees on behalf of the parish and as of 14th July 2023, was valued at £80,000. The hall has been closed for a number of years due to health and safety issues which required it to be registered before repairs could be undertaken. Now that it has been registered, the PCC can make decisions as to its future.

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.

Restricted funds comprise of two elements:

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest.
- b) 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 each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

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Financial Statements for Year Ended 31st December 2024

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	59,225	21	2,025	—	61,271	54,950
Income from charitable activities	9,599	—	310	—	9,909	10,448
Other trading activities	7,180	—	—	—	7,180	3,119
Investments	5,467	—	52	—	5,519	4,715
Total receipts	81,470	21	2,387	—	83,878	73,232
Payments						
Raising funds	297	—	—	—	297	20
Expenditure on charitable activities	71,404	107	392	—	71,903	76,228
Other expenditure	4	—	—	—	4	—
Total payments	71,705	107	392	—	72,205	76,248
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	9,765	(86)	1,995	—	11,674	(3,017)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	2,174	—	2,274	—	4,448	5,094
Gross transfers between funds - out	(2,274)	—	(2,174)	—	(4,448)	(5,094)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains / losses	9,665	(86)	2,095	—	11,674	(3,017)
Net movement in funds	9,665	(86)	2,095	—	11,674	(3,017)
All assets at 01 January 2024	24,208	3,884	10,007	—	38,099	41,115
All assets at 31 December 2024	33,873	3,798	12,102	—	49,773	38,099
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General Fund	33,873	—	—	—	33,873	24,208
Designated						
Magazine Designated - PCC	—	2,680	—	—	2,680	2,680
Mission Designated - PCC	—	1,118	—	—	1,118	1,204
Restricted						
Charities - St M	—	—	2,447	—	2,447	2,395
Choir - St M	—	—	1,625	—	1,625	1,585
Edalji Trust - St M	—	—	922	—	922	922
Hall Boiler - St M	—	—	456	—	456	456
Hall Repairs - St M	—	—	4,559	—	4,559	2,434
Interior Decorating Scheme - PCC	—	—	1,808	—	1,808	1,808
Music Group - St M	—	—	268	—	268	268
Outlook - St M	—	—	—	—	—	140
Upkeep Of St Marks Organ	—	—	18	—	18	—

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Financial Statements for Year Ended 31st December 2024

Statement of assets and liabilities - 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Lloyds current - PCC -	7,676	3,798	1,559	—	13,033	9,065
Nat West current - St A -	10,138	—	497	—	10,635	5,972
Virgin current - St M -	16,059	—	40	—	16,099	14,330
Virgin deposit - St M -	—	—	5,261	—	5,261	3,725
Virgin Fabric - St M -	—	—	4,974	—	4,974	3,481
Choir account - St M -	—	—	—	—	—	1,585
Interior Decorating Scheme -	—	—	1,808	—	1,808	1,808
Totals	33,873	3,798	14,140	—	51,810	39,967
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	2,038	—	2,038	1,868
Totals	—	—	2,038	—	2,038	1,868
Grand total	33,873	3,798	12,102	—	49,773	38,099

Statement of assets and liabilities - 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Lloyds current - PCC -	3,488	3,884	1,693	—	9,065	12,229
Nat West current - St A -	5,797	—	175	—	5,972	5,343
Virgin current - St M -	14,330	—	—	—	14,330	14,357
Virgin deposit - St M -	—	—	3,725	—	3,725	3,693
Virgin Fabric - St M -	592	—	2,889	—	3,481	3,431
Choir account - St M -	—	—	1,585	—	1,585	1,488
Interior Decorating Scheme -	—	—	1,808	—	1,808	1,808
Totals	24,208	3,884	11,875	—	39,967	42,348
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	1,868	—	1,868	1,233
Totals	—	—	1,868	—	1,868	1,233
Grand total	24,208	3,884	10,007	—	38,099	41,115

Fund Movement by Type

		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
- Books Sales - St M							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
	Sub-total for Books sale	—	—	—	—	—	—
St Mark's Building Fund							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
	Sub-total for Building f	—	—	—	—	—	—
Charities - St M							
Restricted		2,395	52	—	—	—	2,447
	Sub-total for Charities	2,395	52	—	—	—	2,447
Choir - St M							
Restricted		1,585	40	—	—	—	1,625
	Sub-total for Choir - St	1,585	40	—	—	—	1,625
Edalji Trust - St M							
Restricted		922	—	—	—	—	922
	Sub-total for Edalji Tru	922	—	—	—	—	922
General Fund							
Unrestricted		24,208	81,470	71,705	(100)	—	33,873
	Sub-total for General	24,208	81,470	71,705	(100)	—	33,873
Hall Boiler - St M							
Restricted		456	—	—	—	—	456
	Sub-total for Hall Boile	456	—	—	—	—	456
Hall Repairs - St M							
Restricted		2,434	2,025	—	100	—	4,559
	Sub-total for Hall Repai	2,434	2,025	—	100	—	4,559
IDS - PCC - Interior Decorating							
Restricted		1,808	—	—	—	—	1,808
	Sub-total for IDS - PCC	1,808	—	—	—	—	1,808
In Memoria - In Memoria - St M							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
	Sub-total for In Memoria	—	—	—	—	—	—
Magazine Designated							
Designated		2,680	—	—	—	—	2,680
	Sub-total for Magazine -	2,680	—	—	—	—	2,680
Mission Designated -							
Designated		1,204	21	107	—	—	1,118
	Sub-total for Mission -	1,204	21	107	—	—	1,118
Music Group - St M							
Restricted		268	—	—	—	—	268
	Sub-total for Music Grou	268	—	—	—	—	268
Non-Specific - St M							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
	Sub-total for Non-Specif	—	—	—	—	—	—
Upkeep Of St Marks Organ							
Restricted		—	270	252	—	—	18
	Sub-total for Organ Fund	—	270	252	—	—	18
Outlook - St M							
Restricted		140	—	140	—	—	—
	Sub-total for Outlook -	140	—	140	—	—	—
Roof Repairs - St M							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
	Sub-total for Roof Repai	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wedding Deposits - PCC							
Designated		—	—	—	—	—	—
	Sub-total for Wedding De	—	—	—	—	—	—

Grand total	38,099	83,878	72,205	—	—	49,773
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The Parochial Church Council of Great Wyrley

Financial Statements for Year Ended 31st December 2024

Brief description of each fund

Designated Funds

Magazine (*PCC account*): Funds from local magazine for the repair or purchase of a printer/photo copier

Mission (*PCC account*): PCC put amount aside for development and materials in local area

Restricted Funds

Charities (*St Mark*): Monies distributed to agreed charities as and when local case applies.

Choir (*St Mark*): Funds donated for the purchase of gowns and books

Edalji Trust (*St Mark*): Small amount donated early 1900 by vicar of time.

Hall Boiler (*St Mark*): New boiler needed in attached hall

Hall Repairs (*St Mark*): Awaiting removal of asbestos

Interior Decorating Scheme (*PCC account*): For the internal redecoration of the vicarage. Funds held by the Diocese.

Music Group (*St Mark*): Small amount donated for the purchase of music and instruments

Outlook (*St Mark*): Monies donated from services carried out at nursing homes and care homes for materials (Outlook now disbanded and fund closed)

Organ Fund (*St Mark*): For ongoing upkeep and repairs to organ

Analysis of receipts and payments

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank	20,617	—	—	—	20,617	19,522
Gift Aid - Envelopes	9,180	—	—	—	9,180	8,497
Non Gift Aid - Bank	2,705	—	—	—	2,705	4,944
Non Gift Aid - Envelopes	10,631	—	500	—	11,131	8,438
Loose plate collections	3,319	—	—	—	3,319	2,710
Contactless giving	380	—	—	—	380	—
Donations appeals etc	1,976	21	1,525	—	3,522	1,175
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	9,888	—	—	—	9,888	9,610
Non-recurring one-off grants	167	—	—	—	167	—
Other funds generated	361	—	—	—	361	54
Total	59,225	21	2,025	—	61,271	54,950
Income from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	8,348	—	250	—	8,598	8,586
Local Wedding and Funeral Fee	—	—	60	—	60	210
Church hall lettings - objectives	1,251	—	—	—	1,251	1,652
Total	9,599	—	310	—	9,909	10,448
Other trading activities						
Fund raising	7,120	—	—	—	7,120	3,119
Bookstall sales - fund raising	60	—	—	—	60	—
Total	7,180	—	—	—	7,180	3,119
Investments						
Bank and building society interest	—	—	52	—	52	32
Rent from lands or buildings	5,467	—	—	—	5,467	4,683
Total	5,467	—	52	—	5,519	4,715
INCOME TOTAL	81,470	21	2,387	—	83,878	73,232

EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

Fees paid to fund raisers	167	—	—	—	167	—
Costs of fetes & other events	130	—	—	—	130	20
Total	297	—	—	—	297	20

Expenditure on charitable activities

Charitable Giving	150	—	140	—	290	—
Parish Share/Common Fund	938	—	—	—	938	11,257
Parish Share	44,063	—	—	—	44,063	33,743
Working expenses of incumbent	45	—	—	—	45	—
Parsonage house expenses	99	—	—	—	99	95
Vicar's telephone	118	—	—	—	118	—
Parish training and mission	—	107	—	—	107	125
Church running - insurance	5,078	—	—	—	5,078	4,856
Organ / piano tuning	—	—	252	—	252	1,728
Church maintenance	1,973	—	—	—	1,973	8,302
Cleaning	2,885	—	—	—	2,885	3,570
Upkeep of church services	2,306	—	—	—	2,306	2,188
Choir	—	—	—	—	—	10
Upkeep of churchyard	1,262	—	—	—	1,262	248
Administration	473	—	—	—	473	110
Bank & contactless charges	123	—	—	—	123	120
Church running - electric	1,190	—	—	—	1,190	1,863
Church running - gas	9,313	—	—	—	9,313	6,858
Church running - water	504	—	—	—	504	732
Hall running - electricity	504	—	—	—	504	269
Hall running - gas	137	—	—	—	137	56
Hall running - water	—	—	—	—	—	99
Governance costs examination/audit fee	245	—	—	—	245	—
Total	71,404	107	392	—	71,903	76,228

Other expenditure

Merchant Fees	4	—	—	—	4	—
Total	4	—	—	—	4	—

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	71,705	107	392	—	72,205	76,248
GRAND TOTAL	9,765	(86)	1,995	—	11,674	(3,017)