

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FULWOOD CHRIST  
CHURCH, SHEFFIELD**

(Also known as Christ Church Fulwood)

Audited financial statements  
For the year ended 31 December 2024

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## Legal and administrative information

**Ecclesiastical parish:** Fulwood Christ Church, Sheffield

**Address:** Canterbury Avenue  
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<b>Council members:</b>	Incumbent	Rev. Jonny Dyer*	<i>CI</i>
	Associate Vicar	Rev. Pete Scamman*	<i>CI</i>
	Assistant Curate	Rev. Matt Lawes	<i>CI</i> (to July 2024)
	Director of Operations	Rev. Stephen Rae	<i>CI</i>
	Minister for Training	Rev. Rob Mullock	<i>CI</i>
	Churchwardens	Emily Davies	<i>W</i> (to May 2024)
		Bill Thomas	<i>W</i> (to May 2024)
		Paul Dodd	<i>W</i> (from May 2024)
		Sally Hewson	<i>W</i> (from May 2024)
	Deputy Churchwardens (Co-opted, unless elected)	Alison Linsky	<i>E</i>
		Paul Dodd	<i>E</i> (to May 2024)
		Chris Nex	<i>E</i> (from May 2024)
	Deanery Synod representatives	Paul Houghton	<i>E</i>
		Rafa De Lima	<i>E</i>
		Heather Wilson	<i>E</i>
	General Synod representative	Jane Patterson	<i>E</i>
	Members with elected role responsibilities	Paul German	<i>E</i> Mission Committee Chair
		Emma Glaves	<i>E</i> Secretary
		Sally Hewson	<i>E</i> Parish Safeguarding Officer (to May 2024)
		Ronan Wade	Co Treasurer (from May 2024)
		Chris Nex	Co Lay Vice-Chair (to May 2024)

## Legal and administrative information

### Council members

#### (continued):

Elected PCC members

Peter Collier	<i>E</i>	(to May 2024)
Adrian Harris	<i>E</i>	(to May 2024)
Tricia Ware	<i>E</i>	(to May 2024)
Ronan Wade	<i>E</i>	Treasurer (to May 2024)
Paul German	<i>E</i>	(to May 2024)
Andy Donaldson	<i>E</i>	
Carolyn Edmonds	<i>E</i>	
Emma Graham	<i>E</i>	
Judith Jones	<i>E</i>	
Jennifer Meiring	<i>E</i>	
Roger Richardson	<i>E</i>	
David Taylor	<i>E</i>	
Karen Holmes	<i>E</i>	
Paul Houghton	<i>E</i>	
Dan Houghton	<i>E</i>	
Liz Johnstone	<i>E</i>	
Toby Vogelberg	<i>E</i>	
Phil McMinn	<i>E</i>	
Willard Moore	<i>E</i>	
John Grant	<i>E</i>	
Richard Clayton	<i>E</i>	(from May 2024)
Susan Pereira	<i>E</i>	(from May 2024)
Gillis Robbie	<i>E</i>	(from May 2024)
Andy Toward	<i>E</i>	(from May 2024)
In attendance		
Heather Charlton	<i>A</i>	Parish Safeguarding Officer
Andy Cook	<i>A</i>	
Paula Harris	<i>A</i>	

PCC membership summary at the date of this report:		No.
<i>CI</i> – Clergy (Voting)		4
<i>W</i> – Churchwarden (Voting)		2
<i>E</i> – Elected lay member (Voting)		25
<i>Co</i> – Co-opted onto PCC (Voting)		3
<i>A</i> – PCC attendee (Non-Voting)		3

**Status:** A charity registered with the Charity Commission

**Bankers:** Virgin Money  
66 Fargate  
Sheffield  
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**Auditors:** Hawsons Chartered Accountants  
Pegasus House  
463a Glossop Road  
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## Report of the Council - continued

### Objective and Vision

The objective of the Parochial Church Council ('PCC') is to promote the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines of the Church of England. Under this overarching objective, the church seeks to glorify God by pursuing our vision

To know and enjoy the transforming love of Jesus, and make his love known to others, for his glory.

It is the love of Jesus that is at work in each of us. He invites us into his life by knowing and enjoying his transforming love.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Our prayer for us all is that, by re-discovering the rest that Jesus offers, we might be transformed. It is only then that we will be equipped to live for his glory as we seek to make His love known to others.

### Activities

The church helps members grow in their faith through Sunday teaching, small group Bible studies, and practical support in areas like marriage, parenting, and workplace discipleship. The monthly Church Family Prayer evening is a vital part of church life, demonstrating dependence on God.

The church seeks to reach out to our community, aiming to share the gospel with every resident in Fulwood. This includes a variety of outreach ministries, evangelistic events, and regular guest services designed for those exploring Christianity. Major events like our Fireworks night and Carols by Candlelight provide opportunities for people to hear about Jesus in an accessible way.

Various ministries cater to different age groups, ensuring that people of all life stages are welcomed and discipled. Pre-school activities like Junior Jivers & Small Talk create a friendly, Christian environment for young children and their families. Children's and youth work takes place throughout the week, on weekends, and during school holidays. Students from Sheffield's universities are invited to engage with church life through dedicated events and discipleship opportunities. The church also runs a ministry for older members, including the weekly Friday Club, which offers fellowship and community.

The church is committed to mission and global outreach, supporting mission partners involved in cross-cultural ministry, youth and children's work, and short-term mission trips. The Mission Committee oversees financial support, recommends new mission partners, and ensures a continued gospel focus in all supported ministries.

The church also runs Bible Training Yorkshire (BTY) to serve local churches and actively supports members pursuing full-time theological training, including ordination. This is in addition to our own structured training programs for Ministry Trainees, where trainees receive Bible teaching and hands-on ministry experience.

### Review of the year

2024 was another encouraging year for Christ Church Fulwood. We began the year again with a month of prayer, meeting morning and evening during January to commit the year to the Lord, culminating with our annual day of prayer and partnership Sunday, where, as a church, we made a commitment to our partnership in the Gospel. We also focused on our verse for the year

**"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:30-31**

As a large church a key part of our life together is meeting in weekly small groups. In the summer of 2024, we undertook our first review and reshaping of these groups since Covid pandemic allowing new relationships to develop within the church family and a chance for new members to join these.

The year was also marked by the launch of our new vision:

"To know and enjoy the transforming love of Jesus, and make his love known to others, for his glory."

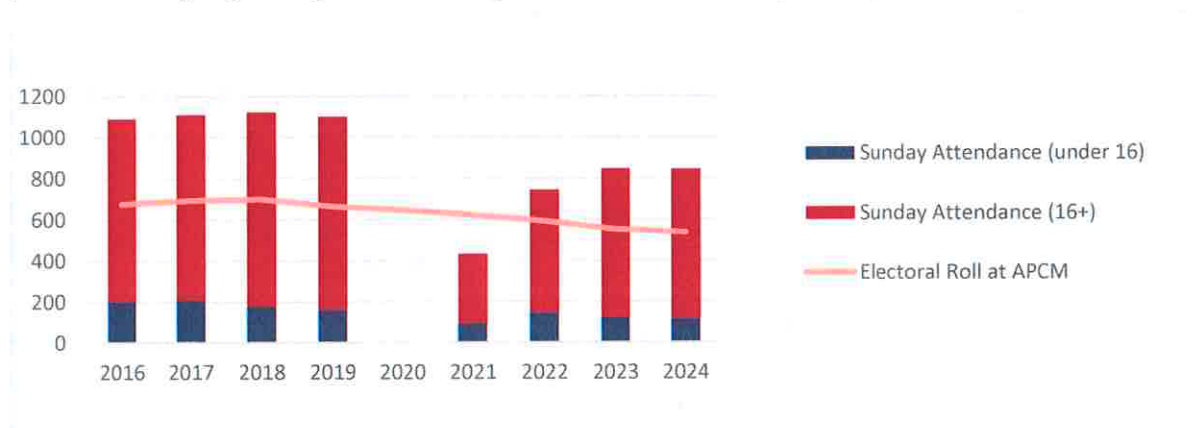
This was developed by the staff team during the year and shared with the church family in October. It marks the start of a new period for the church, as we first seek to look inwards, on our own relationship with Jesus before then seeing how this will reflect on our lives, and the lives of others as we seek to make his love known to others in our parish.



## Report of the Council - continued

### Attendance and membership

Those who attend church meetings on a regular basis may sign up to the Electoral Roll, which is the formal membership of the Church of England, allowing members to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ('APCM'). These totalled 536 in 2024 (2023: 551). The figures for the Average Sunday Attendance, counted during October each year, previously gave a more reliable indication of the size of the church family. These show gradual growth in church numbers between 2015 and 2019. However, no count was performed in 2020 due to the pandemic restrictions and, in October 2021, although physical meetings were taking place in person, capacity was limited due to the combined effects of the pandemic and ongoing building work. The average in October 2024 was 842 (2023 846).



Parishes must renew their electoral rolls every six years in accordance with the Church of England's Church Representation Rules. The last renewal was during 2019, when everyone who wished to be able to vote on church matters had to sign a new form and we will be renewing this again in 2025.

### Update - Safeguarding

The Church of England is called to share the good news of God's salvation through Jesus Christ. The life of our communities and institutions is integral to how we address this task. The good news speaks of welcome for all, with a particular regard for those who are most vulnerable, into a community where the value and dignity of every human being is affirmed and those in positions of responsibility and authority are truly trustworthy. Being faithful to our call to share the gospel therefore compels us to take with the utmost seriousness the challenge of preventing abuse from happening and responding well where it has.

The PCC has two volunteers who share the responsibility of Parish Safeguarding Officer, and a part-time staff member to oversee the large number of DBS checks required for the staff and volunteers involved in the church's activities.

The PCC continues to seek to implement all appropriate guidance and adopt best practice with regard to safeguarding, including safer recruitment processes. This is regarded by the PCC as an essential and integral element of the church's good governance and risk management activity, although it has placed a substantially increased workload on a number of individuals, to whom the PCC is immensely grateful.

As at 31 December 2024, 143 (2023: 246) individuals within the church family had received safeguarding training, and 233 (2023: 216) individuals had current DBS checks for their work with the church.

### Update - Staff

In our ministry team in February 2024 Jessica Warburton joined in the role as Minister for Community Outreach. This is a role funded by the Abbeyfield fund and seeking to work in particularly amongst the elderly members of our parish. In August 2024 Tom Brewster joined the staff in the role of Minister for Music. Will Sykes left his role as Junior Children, Youth and Families Worker and we welcomed Rhys Munden as replacement in September 2024.

Matt Lawes, finished his extended curacy in June 2024, and continued to support us during August as we reshaped our small groups. We were delighted to be able to join with the Diocese in supporting Matt in his new one year role in Kilnhurst from September 2024 from the growth fund.

In our ministry support team, Heidi Beatson joined as Finance Assistant and PA to the vicar in February 2024. Anna Wade left her role as lead recruiter in August 2024. Jenny Wong and Rebecca Tomlinson joined the team to cover this role and provide maternity cover within the ministry support team.

## Report of the Council - continued

### Update - Wider church

The PCC received regular updates from those members who also sit on Deanery, Diocesan and General Synods. The Council is pleased to be represented at all levels within the Church of England's governance structures and is grateful for the time and commitment shown by those PCC members who give generously of their time.

The PCC, in consultation with the Bishop of Sheffield, has asked for extended pastoral oversight from The Rt Rev Rob Munro who was installed as the Bishop of Ebbsfleet during the year. He offers extended pastoral and sacramental care to those parishes and clergy holding a complementarian understanding of ordained ministry, which is an essential part of the Church of England's approach to ensure mutual flourishing of different church traditions.

The PCC continues to be concerned at the direction of travel on some of the issues being discussed at national level within the Church of England, not least relating to Living in Love and Faith (LLF), as discussed at General Synods during the year. The PCC has continued to give careful thought to these matters and have appreciated the support of Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC) in joining with other evangelical churches in the Church of England to uphold the long held biblical beliefs on human sexuality and marriage.

### Future Plans

The church began 2025 with another month of prayer and have been considering our verse of the year "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ..." Ephesians 3:17-18

We are looking forward to the opportunities to live out our new vision, resting in Jesus and living for his glory.

### Going concern

The PCC continues to monitor its financial situation closely as budgeted expenditure exceeds income. During 2024, the PCC has been greatly encouraged by the response to its Giving Sunday in October which saw increased pledged to our income closing the gap.

The PCC has carefully considered a detailed budget for 2025 and a forecast extending into 2026, therefore covering a period of at least 12 months from the date of these financial statements. Although the budget anticipates a deficit for 2025 the church's free reserves remain sufficient to support this, and the church will continue to review its income and expenditure during 2025 and is ready to take necessary action to ensure a balanced budget in future years. On this basis the PCC is satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

## Financial Review

Income	Unrestricted Funds						Restricted Funds				Total Funds
	General Fund	Growth Fund	*RSY Fund	Land & Buildings	Fire Doors	Total	Abbeyfield Fund	BFTF Fund	Other Funds	Total	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Gift income - regular	891	-	-	-	-	891	-	5	11	16	907
- collections	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
- one-off	34	-	-	-	-	34	-	-	8	8	42
- total	928	-	-	-	-	928	-	5	19	24	952
Grant income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	17	17
Other income	80	-	-	-	-	80	2	2	20	22	102
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1,071</b>

\* RSY = ReNew South Yorkshire matched fund; BFTF = Building for the Future Fund

- Total income was £1,071k compared to £1,968k in 2023, with the main fall due to the one-off gift from the Abbeyfield trust in 2023.
- General fund income (for the regular activity of the church) decreased from £1,088k in 2023 to £1,008k in 2024. Regular giving increased to £894k from £865k in 2023, however one-off gifts decreased from £155k in 2023 to £34k.
- Other income increased to £80k from £66k in 2023 as the church continued to carry out regular activities, and due to the new church building being available for the whole year.



## Report of the Council - continued

Expenditure		Unrestricted Funds					Restricted Funds				Total Funds
		General	Growth	*RSY	Land &	Fire	Abbeyfield	BFTF	Other	Total	
		Fund	Fund	Fund Buildings	Doors	Doors	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Parish	- staff costs	598	-	-	-	-	598	43	-	-	641
ministry	- other costs	435	-	-	-	-	435	-	(39)	12	408
	- governance	16	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	16
	- total	1,049	-	-	-	-	1,049	43	(39)	12	1,065
Activity outside the parish		138	-	10	-	-	148	-	-	13	161
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>1,187</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>(39)</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1,226</b>

- Total expenditure was £1,226 compared to £1,101k in 2023. The increase was due to increased staffing levels and specific maintenance work carried out during the year.
- General fund expenditure increased to £1,197k from £1,057k in 2023, this was due to increased staffing in the year and higher energy costs.
- The contribution to the diocese was £168k (2023: £154k) comprising the cost of remuneration of Fulwood clergy (other than the Vicar and curate) of £98k (2023: £77k), and Common Fund contributions towards the cost of the Vicar and curate of £54k (2023: £67k) and a Common Fund contribution towards diocesan central costs of £16k (2023: £10k).

### Financial result and year end position

	Unrestricted Funds					Restricted Funds				Total Funds
	General	Growth	*RSY	Land &	Fire	Abbeyfield	BFTF	Other	Total	
	Fund	Fund	Fund Buildings	Doors	Doors	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Net assets:</b>										
1 January 2024	523	75	38	1,074	16	1,726	785	21	37	2,569
Surplus/(Deficit)	(179)	-	(10)	-	-	(189)	(29)	61	14	(143)
Transfers	129	(27)	-	-	-	102	-	(82)	(20)	-
Surplus/(Deficit) after transfers	(50)	(27)	(10)	-	-	(87)	(29)	(21)	(6)	(143)
<b>31 December 2024</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,639</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2,426</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>506</b>

\*FSW = Female Students' Worker fund; RSY = ReNew South Yorkshire matched fund

- After transfers between funds, there was a deficit on the General Fund of £51k (2023: surplus £88k) this was due to expenditure currently exceeding our regular giving.
- The following significant fund transfers have been made in 2024:
  - £9k was transferred from the Trainee Support Fund to the General Fund, representing support for the trainees on the Ministry Trainee Scheme;
  - £6k was transferred from the Bible Training Yorkshire Fund to the General Fund to contribute towards the Minister for Training costs.
  - £82k was transferred from the Building for the Future fund. While the building work was completed in 2022 we had held provisions for the final sums, these were reduced in the final contract negotiation and together with further, unexpected, income and grants provided funds to be released back to the General Fund.
  - £27k was transferred from the Growth fund to support the appointment of the vicar's PA and the provision of a curate to June 2024.
- At the year end, the PCC held £506k (2023: £1,302k) in net current assets. Of this amount, £416k (2023: £459k) was within Unrestricted Funds. At the year end the PCC held £342k (2023: £240k) in three different deposit accounts with a variety of notice periods and maturity dates. These are primarily held to support the church's reserves and the PCC will be reviewing its ongoing investment needs.

### Reserves policy

The PCC updated its reserve policy during the year and now aims to maintain sufficient General Fund free reserves (General Fund net current assets) to cover three months staff salary costs to provide for short-term working capital requirements of the church. Based on the 2025 budget approved by the PCC, this equates to a round sum threshold of £160k (2024 reserves threshold: £129k). At the year end, General Fund free reserves were £323k (2023: £330k) and therefore the policy threshold was exceeded by £163k (2023: £200k). This excess is considered appropriate as we face a deficit budget in 2025.



## Report of the Council - continued

### Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Fulwood (the 'PCC' or the 'Council') is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is also a registered charity with the Charity Commission.

As noted above, the objective of the PCC is to promote the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines of the Church of England. The PCC will continue to shape all its activities to fulfil this mission under God, in particular through the vision to know and enjoy the transforming love of Jesus, and make his love known to others, for his glory.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church within the Ecclesiastical Parish of Fulwood. It is also responsible for the Church Centre and the owned and leased staff houses.

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC is supported in its work by six sub-committees as well as ad-hoc working groups established from time to time. The sub committees are as follows:

#### Standing Committee

- Executes PCC business between PCC meetings, subject to delegated authority limits.
- A forum for considering vision, priorities and significant issues.
- Advisory forum for Vicar and senior leadership.

#### Finance Management Group

- Facilitates effective financial planning and management through budgetary control and financial reporting.
- Recommends and oversees staff remuneration and benefits.
- Recommends and oversees policy and procedures for church property and facilities, including IT.

#### Staffing Subcommittee

- Supports the Vicar and Director of Operations in staffing-related matters.
- Helps to facilitate best practice in people management.
- Helps to ensure appropriate pastoral support for staff.

#### Mission Committee

- Oversees relationships with the church's Mission Partners.
- Recommends long-term plans and ensures good practice in the church's support for mission beyond Fulwood.

#### Safeguarding Committee

- Oversees all the church's safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Helps ensure the implementation of best safeguarding practice.
- Provides support for the church's two volunteer Parish Safeguarding Officers.

#### Safeguarding Trustee Group

- Carries responsibility for advising and informing the PCC in regard to any Safeguarding Serious Incident.
- Has the PCC's authority to obtain independent legal advice as necessary.

In addition, the PCC currently has the following ad-hoc working groups:

#### Visitation and thirtyone:eight Implementation Group

- Leads and guides the implementation of the recommendations of the 2021 Bishops' Visitation and thirtyone:eight review.

## Report of the Council - continued

### Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Council members are responsible for preparing the Report of the Council and the Annual Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Council members to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Council and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Council for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the members are required to:

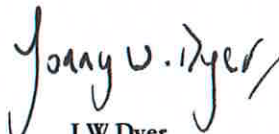
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Council will continue in business.

The members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Council and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the members are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Council's auditors are unaware; and
- the members have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

On behalf of the PCC



J W Dyer  
Vicar

17<sup>th</sup> March 2025

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Christ Church Fulwood

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Christ Church Fulwood ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of cash flows, notes to the financial statements and a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.



# Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Christ Church Fulwood

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 8, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

The charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly and indirectly affect the financial statements. Based on our understanding of the company and the environment it operates within, we determined that the laws and regulations which were most significant included FRS 102, Charities Act 2011 and Health and Safety regulations. We considered the extent to which non-compliance with these laws and regulations might have a material effect on the financial statements, including how fraud might occur. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to the posting of inappropriate journal entries to improve the charity's result for the period, and management bias in key accounting estimates.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Christ Church Fulwood

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Discussions with management and those responsible for legal compliance procedures within the charity to obtain an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charity and how the charity complies with that framework, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of trustee meetings;
- Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls that management has in place to prevent and detect fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates.
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations or posted by senior management.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the more removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance/auditor-s-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-fi/description-of-the-auditor-s-responsibilities-for](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance/auditor-s-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-fi/description-of-the-auditor-s-responsibilities-for). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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11 April 2025

Hawsons Chartered Accountants is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006



## Principal accounting policies

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value convention except for the valuation of certain property and investment assets, which are shown at capitalised or market value as below. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs.

The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

### Funds

Unrestricted Funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Certain Unrestricted Funds may be earmarked for a particular purpose - these are known as Designated Funds.

Restricted Funds are those funds which the PCC must apply to specific purposes created either by donors' requests or legal obligations. These funds are therefore not available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

### Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, the receipt of the grant is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

### Donations and legacies

Regular giving is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aided general donations is accrued for on a monthly basis, based on the donation date. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC reasonably certain.

Although the PCC is legally entitled to claim Gift Aid tax on donations received in respect of major projects, the PCC's policy is not to reclaim tax where there remains any significant doubt about whether a project will proceed as proposed. For this reason, Gift Aid tax was only reclaimed on donations to the Building for the Future project once permissions were substantially received and the PCC had made a final decision to progress with the project.

### Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Bank interest is accounted for when receivable. Investment gains and losses are recognised upon revaluation of the underlying assets at each year end.

Deferred income relates to events which will take place in future accounting periods.

### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes irrecoverable VAT.

### Grants to mission partners

The church supports mission partners in the UK and around the world. Where a particular mission partner has been supported by the church for a number of years, strict compliance with the Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) may regard some arrangements as constituting constructive obligations such that future years' support is accounted for in these accounts as a liability.



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Whilst the support has no final end date, the Council assesses mission partner funding on an annual basis and is confident that the mission partners would not view their support as an open ended obligation on the part of the Council. The annual commitment only is accounted for in these financial statements.

### Fixed assets

#### Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

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

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over 10 years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, on individual items with a purchase price below £500 and on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is expensed through the Statement of Financial Activity.

#### Other land and buildings

Additions are capitalised at cost where acquired during the year. The carrying values of tangible fixed assets previously valued when capitalised have been retained at their book amount as a deemed cost on transition to SORP FRS 102.

No depreciation is provided on freehold land and buildings. It is the policy of the PCC to maintain its properties in such a condition that their value is not impaired by the passage of time. The residual value is similar to its carrying value and therefore depreciation would be immaterial.

#### Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises, including IT and Communication Equipment, is depreciated on a straight line basis between four and ten years, depending on the most appropriate useful economic life. Residential Property Fixtures and Fittings are depreciated on a straight line basis over 10 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

#### Motor vehicles

Motor vehicles are depreciated on a straight line basis over eight years.

### Investments

Investments initially recorded at cost and subsequently measured at fair value when determinable or at cost less impairment if not. Quoted investments are remeasured at fair value, while unquoted ones remain at cost unless a reliable fair value is available. Fair value reviews are carried out at each reporting date, with necessary adjustments recognized in the statement of financial activity. On disposal, any difference between carrying value and proceeds is recorded in income.

### Leased assets

Payments made under operating leases are expensed on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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### Pensions

Retirement benefits to employees of the PCC are provided under the following arrangements during the year:

- contributions to personal pension plans of the employee's choice; or
- contributions to the church's stakeholder pension scheme.

The charity opened an auto enrolment compliant stakeholder pension scheme with the People's Pension to which all contributions to employees' retirement benefits are paid in to.

All contributions to pension plans are charged to the Statement of financial activities in line with recognition of earnings and in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

## Principal accounting policies

### Going concern

The PCC have set a similar budget for 2025 as in 2024 as they continue to support the ministry of Christ Church. Our continued staffing needs means that our budget remains at a deficit for the next 12 months, however we give thanks to God that last years' gift days and subsequent increases in regular giving have provided sufficient reserves to cover 2024. The PCC has sufficient reserves to meet the current shortfall and therefore has a reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements.

## Statement of financial activities

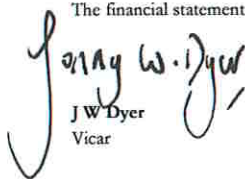
	Note	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income from</b>						
Donations and legacies	1	928,102	-	24,966	953,068	1,858,848
Grants	20	-	-	17,790	17,790	24,325
Charitable activities	2	75,742	-	18,469	94,211	80,682
Investments	3	4,736	-	1,829	6,565	4,375
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>1,008,580</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,054</u>	<u>1,071,634</u>	<u>1,968,230</u>
<b>Expenditure on</b>						
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Ministry expenses	4	1,049,802	-	16,261	1,066,063	960,940
Mission, diocesan and other support	5	137,834	10,651	12,820	161,305	140,378
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>1,187,636</u>	<u>10,651</u>	<u>29,081</u>	<u>1,227,368</u>	<u>1,101,318</u>
Net gains on investments	9	-	-	12,481	12,481	-
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before transfers</b>		(179,056)	(10,651)	46,454	(143,253)	866,912
Transfers between funds	12b & c	129,014	(26,772)	(102,242)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds after transfers</b>		<u>(50,042)</u>	<u>(37,423)</u>	<u>(55,788)</u>	<u>(143,253)</u>	<u>866,912</u>
Total funds brought forward at 1 January		522,713	1,203,670	842,909	2,569,292	1,702,380
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 December</b>		<u><u>472,671</u></u>	<u><u>1,166,247</u></u>	<u><u>787,121</u></u>	<u><u>2,426,039</u></u>	<u><u>2,569,292</u></u>

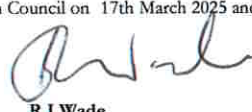


## Balance sheet

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	1,223,314	1,267,265
Investments	9	697,045	-
		<u>1,920,359</u>	<u>1,267,265</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	10	17,643	30,850
Short term deposits	14	341,512	239,734
Cash at bank and in hand	14	242,194	1,181,764
		<u>601,349</u>	<u>1,452,348</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	(95,669)	(150,321)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>505,680</u>	<u>1,302,027</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u>2,426,039</u>	<u>2,569,292</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
General		472,671	522,713
Designated		1,166,247	1,203,670
Total Unrestricted	12	1,638,918	1,726,383
Restricted	12	787,121	842,909
<b>Total charity funds</b>	12	<u>2,426,039</u>	<u>2,569,292</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 17th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
J W Dyer  
Vicar

  
R J Wade  
PCC Treasurer

## Statement of cash flows

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash provided by operating activities	13	<u>(151,891)</u>	<u>1,012,721</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Bank interest received		6,565	4,375
Payments to acquire investments		(684,564)	-
Purchase of fixed assets		<u>(7,902)</u>	<u>(3,226)</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(685,901)</u>	<u>1,149</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<u>(837,792)</u>	<u>1,013,870</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>		<b>1,421,498</b>	<b>407,628</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	14	<u><b>583,706</b></u>	<u><b>1,421,498</b></u>

## Notes to the financial statements

### 1 Donations and Legacies

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Regular giving					
Gift Aid donations	603,168	-	12,500	615,668	573,116
Tax recoverable	150,792	-	3,125	153,917	143,279
Non Gift Aid donations	137,214	-	863	138,077	154,341
Subtotal	891,174	-	16,488	907,662	870,736
Collections					
Gift Aid donations (small donations scheme)	-	-	-	-	-
Tax recoverable	-	-	-	-	-
Non Gift Aid donations	2,800	-	-	2,800	2,136
Subtotal	2,800	-	-	2,800	2,136
One-off donations and bequests					
Gift Aid donations	26,742	-	-	26,742	146,464
Tax recoverable	6,686	-	-	6,686	36,616
Non Gift Aid donations	700	-	8,478	9,178	802,896
Subtotal	34,128	-	8,478	42,606	985,976
	928,102	-	24,966	953,068	1,858,848

Regular giving represents amounts received by standing order and the envelope scheme. Collections represents amounts received from Sunday collections (excluding envelopes under the envelope scheme). One-off donations and bequests represents all other gifts received.

£928,102 (2023: £1,021,938) was received into the General Fund and £24,966 (2023: £836,910) was received into Restricted Funds, of which £22,585 (2023: £37,903) was received into the Building for the Future Fund.

### 2 Income from charitable activities

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Parish ministry (including fees)	17,540	18,469	36,009	34,795
Children, Youth and Students	55,967	-	55,967	43,575
Church Centre lettings	690	-	690	1,100
Other	1,545	-	1,545	1,212
	75,742	18,469	94,211	80,682

£75,742 (2023: £61,448) was General Fund income and £18,469 (2023: £19,234) was Restricted Funds income.

### 3 Income from investments

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bank interest	4,736	1,829	6,565	4,375
	4,736	1,829	6,565	4,375



## Notes to the financial statements

### 4 Ministry expenses

	Note	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Parish ministry		310,726	-	55,595	366,321	295,084
Students, Youth, Children and families		284,765	-	-	284,765	256,671
Administrative salaries		209,898	-	-	209,898	175,939
Other administrative costs		24,520	-	-	24,520	23,762
Property and facilities		151,710	-	-	151,710	108,524
Reordering project		-	-	(39,334)	(39,334)	17,494
Depreciation and loss on disposal of assets		51,854	-	-	51,854	54,176
Support costs	6	16,329	-	-	16,329	29,290
		<u>1,049,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,261</u>	<u>1,066,063</u>	<u>960,940</u>

£1,049,802 (2023: £931,075) was General Fund expenditure and £16,261 (2023: £29,865) was Restricted Funds expenditure.

The negative expenditure of £39,000 relates to expenditure previously recognised to complete the project which was not required and has therefore been released back into the accounts.

### 5 Mission, diocesan and other support

	Note	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Support for mission partners:						
- Mission Committee allocations	19	116,401	-	-	116,401	115,397
- Designated gifts		240	-	12,820	13,060	14,776
		<u>116,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,820</u>	<u>129,461</u>	<u>130,173</u>
Common Fund diocesan support		15,977	-	-	15,977	10,000
Vicar's discretionary support		216	-	-	216	205
Support of ReNew South Yorkshire		-	10,651	-	10,651	-
Support of other Anglican organisations		5,000	-	-	5,000	-
		<u>137,834</u>	<u>10,651</u>	<u>12,820</u>	<u>161,305</u>	<u>140,378</u>

£137,834 (2023: £125,842) was General Fund expenditure and £10,651 (2023: £nil) was Designated Funds expenditure. £12,820 (2023: £14,536) was expenditure from Restricted Funds.

### 5 Mission, diocesan and other support - continued

The amount paid to the Diocese of Sheffield during the year comprised three main elements:

- First, the cost of remuneration of Fulwood Staff, being the clergy other than the vicar and curate: Rev. Pete Scamman and Rev. Stephen Rae.
- Second a Common Fund contribution for Fulwood ministry expenses: the primary costs of remunerating the vicar, Rev. Jonny Dyer, and a contribution towards the costs of the curate, Rev. Matthew Lawes.
- Third, a Common Fund contribution towards central diocesan costs.

	Ministry Expenses £	Diocesan support £	Total 2024 £	Ministry Expenses £	Diocesan support £	Total 2023 £
Fulwood Staff (excluding the vicar and curate)	97,851	-	97,851	76,924	-	76,924
Common Fund contributions	54,024	15,977	70,001	67,183	10,000	77,183
	<u>151,875</u>	<u>15,977</u>	<u>167,852</u>	<u>144,107</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>154,107</u>

As shown in the analysis above, all the costs relating to clergy are included in Ministry Expenses under the relevant ministry area (see note 4 above). Only the element representing the PCC's contribution towards diocesan central costs is included in Common Fund diocesan support (see note 5 above).

## Notes to the financial statements

### 6 Support costs

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Audit	8,600	-	8,600	8,040
Legal & Professional fees	3,928	-	3,928	2,650
	<u>12,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,528</u>	<u>10,690</u>

### 7 Staff costs, PCC remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Wages and salaries	325,151	34,788	359,939	282,607
Social security costs	27,940	3,650	31,590	22,987
Pension costs	49,363	4,870	54,233	41,737
	<u>402,454</u>	<u>43,308</u>	<u>445,762</u>	<u>347,331</u>

Average number of full-time equivalent employees	<u>12.5</u>	<u>10.3</u>
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No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more in the current or preceding accounting period.

PCC members were not paid and did not receive any other benefits in their capacity as PCC members in the year (2023: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses in their capacity as PCC members during the year (2023: £nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the PCC members, which include the clergy. The cost of remuneration of Fulwood clergy as per Note 5 was £151,875 (2023: £144,107). Other clergy expenses, including housing costs, were £98,154 (2023: £83,900).

### 7 Staff costs, PCC remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel - continued

The following employees were employed by the PCC whilst being spouses of voting PCC members during the year:

Employee	Position	Connection	Remuneration benefits £	Expenses £
P Harris	Children's and Families' Worker	Wife of PCC member	38,525	47
A Wade	Lead Recruiter (DBS Administrator)	Wife of PCC member	<u>4,194</u>	<u>-</u>

Remuneration benefits include salary, employer National Insurance contributions and pension contributions. Expenses relate to travel, mobile phone provision and book allowances.

### 8 Tangible fixed assets

	Land & buildings £	Equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Residential Property Fixtures and Fittings £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 January 2024	1,073,577	262,679	190,878	17,436	10,000	1,554,570
Additions	-	7,902	-	-	-	7,902
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,073,577</u>	<u>270,581</u>	<u>190,878</u>	<u>17,436</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>1,562,472</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 January 2024	-	144,211	123,202	16,892	3,000	287,305
Charge for the year	-	41,578	8,731	544	1,000	51,853
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>185,789</u>	<u>131,933</u>	<u>17,436</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>339,158</u>
Net book amount at 31 December 2024	<u>1,073,577</u>	<u>84,792</u>	<u>58,945</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1,223,314</u>
Net book amount at 31 December 2023	<u>1,073,577</u>	<u>118,468</u>	<u>67,676</u>	<u>544</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>1,267,265</u>

## Notes to the financial statements

### 9 Tangible fixed assets investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market Value at 1 January 2024	-	-
Investments	684,564	-
Net investment gains	12,481	-
Market Value at 31 December 2024	<u>697,045</u>	<u>-</u>

### 10 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	14,468	18,387
Prepayments and accrued income	3,175	12,463
	<u>17,643</u>	<u>30,850</u>

### 11 Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	95,669	150,321
	<u>95,669</u>	<u>150,321</u>

### 12 Analysis of Funds and net assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total	
	General Fund	Designated Fund		2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	149,737	1,073,577	697,045	1,920,359	1,267,265
Current assets	418,603	92,670	90,076	601,349	1,452,348
Current liabilities	(95,669)	-	-	(95,669)	(150,321)
	<u>472,671</u>	<u>1,166,247</u>	<u>787,121</u>	<u>2,426,039</u>	<u>2,569,292</u>

Designated and Restricted Funds are further analysed into their main components in the following notes.



## Notes to the financial statements

### 12a Designated Funds

	Funds brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Funds carried forward £
Growth fund	75,399	-	-	(26,772)	48,627
ReNew South Yorkshire Match fund	38,300	-	(10,651)	-	27,649
Land & Buildings fund	1,073,577	-	-	-	1,073,577
Fire Door fund	16,394	-	-	-	16,394
	<u>1,203,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,651)</u>	<u>(26,772)</u>	<u>1,166,247</u>

The PCC had four Designated funds at the end of the year, all apart from the Land & Buildings fund being current assets. Designated funds are set aside at the PCC's discretion.

Growth fund	Money set aside for the growth of the church through investment in ministry locally in Fulwood, church planting and partnership projects. All unrestricted one-off gifts over £20,000 and legacies received by the PCC are directed into the Growth Fund.
ReNew South Yorkshire Match fund	Money set aside to fund up to the final one third of gospel ministry project costs undertaken by our ReNew South Yorkshire partner churches.
Land & Buildings fund	Used to hold the Church Centre (prior to Building for the Future works) and a house (1 Silver Birch Avenue) currently occupied by a member of church staff. The balance was transferred from a Restricted Fund in the previous year.
Fire Door fund	Money set aside to fund the repair of fire doors in the church centre.

#### Designated fund movements - previous year comparison

	Funds brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Funds carried forward £
Growth fund	75,399	-	-	-	75,399
Female Students' Worker fund	29,777	-	-	(29,777)	-
ReNew South Yorkshire Match fund	38,300	-	-	-	38,300
Land & Buildings fund	1,073,577	-	-	-	1,073,577
Fire Door Fund	16,394	-	-	-	16,394
	<u>1,233,447</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(29,777)</u>	<u>1,203,670</u>

## Notes to the financial statements

### 12b Restricted Funds

	Funds brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Gains	Transfers	Funds carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Abbeyfield Fund	784,719	2,829	(43,631)	12,481	-	756,398
Tracked funds	2,916	8,874	(8,857)	-	-	2,933
Other funds	55,274	51,351	23,407	-	(102,242)	27,790
	<b>842,909</b>	<b>63,054</b>	<b>(29,081)</b>	<b>12,481</b>	<b>(102,242)</b>	<b>787,121</b>

	Land & Buildings	Abbeyfield Fund	Tracked funds and other funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	697,045	-	697,045	-
Current assets	-	59,353	30,723	90,076	842,909
Current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>756,398</b>	<b>30,723</b>	<b>787,121</b>	<b>842,909</b>

The main Restricted Fund is:

Abbeyfield Fund	Funds held to serve older people within the local community specifically with a view to building and strengthening community care of elderly persons.
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#### Tracked funds

The following four Restricted Funds are used to track specific monies coming in and going out of the church accounts and therefore are intended to return to nil after each year end:

Mission Fund	Monies given by church members to be used to support the church's current specified mission partners in the UK and overseas.
Training (Designated Gift) Fund	Monies given to be used to support specific individuals in ministry training.
Fulwood Romania Fund	Monies given by church members to support churches in Romania.
Fees Fund	Fees received by the PCC for weddings and funerals which are then distributed to the Diocese and those who provided services at these occasions.

#### Other funds

The remaining Restricted Funds are:

Building for the Future	Monies raised towards the Building for the Future reordering project (completed in 2022) and future building projects.
Trainee Support Fund	Monies raised by Ministry Trainees towards the funding of their time on the Ministry Training Scheme, as part of their training for Christian ministry. These funds are released to the General Fund over the period of the training.
Bible Training Yorkshire Fund	Attendance fees received for the Bible Training Yorkshire course (previously known as Fulwood Bible Training) and used to cover its costs.
Friends of Fulwood Students (FOFS) Fund	Monies raised to support work with students at Christ Church Fulwood.
Student Work Fund	Monies given towards specific areas of student work. These funds are released to the General Fund to subsidise costs of student events.
Fulwood Hardship Fund	Monies given to provide means-tested assistance to members of the church family experiencing significant financial need, set up in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
Other	Other funds given with restricted purposes.

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### 12b Restricted Funds - continued

*Restricted fund movements - previous year comparison*

	<i>Funds brought forward</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Funds carried forward</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Abbeyfield Fund</i>	-	784,719	-	-	784,719
<i>Tracked funds</i>	3,181	10,051	(10,316)	-	2,916
<i>Other funds</i>	30,585	85,699	(34,085)	(26,925)	55,274
	<u>33,766</u>	<u>880,469</u>	<u>(44,401)</u>	<u>(26,925)</u>	<u>842,909</u>

*Net assets by fund - previous year comparison*

	<i>Land &amp; Buildings</i>	<i>Abbeyfield Fund</i>	<i>Tracked funds and Other funds</i>	<i>Total 2023</i>
	£	£	£	£
<i>Fixed assets</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Current assets</i>	-	784,719	58,190	842,909
<i>Current liabilities</i>	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>784,719</u>	<u>58,190</u>	<u>842,909</u>

### 12c Fund transfers

During the year the following major transfers between funds were made as part of the PCC's funding of its operations:

<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>General</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Detail</i>
		£	£	£	
<b>Transfers to the General fund from Designated funds</b>					
Growth Fund	General fund	10,000	(10,000)		To equip the vicar in his role, thorough the provision of a PA.
Growth Fund	General fund	16,772	(16,772)		To support the provision of a curate to June 2024.
<b>Transfers to the General fund from Restricted funds</b>					
Trainee Support fund	General fund	8,599		(8,599)	Support for the trainees on the Ministry Trainee Scheme
Friends of Fulwood Students	General fund	4,827		(4,827)	To support the work of the Female Students' Worker.
Building for the Future	General fund	82,328		(82,328)	Transfer funds in excess of completion costs to the general reserves. *
Bible Training Yorkshire fund	General fund	6,488		(6,488)	To contribute the fees of the Fulwood trainees and to cover the costs of Bible Training Yorkshire
		<u>129,014</u>	<u>(26,772)</u>	<u>(102,242)</u>	

\* While the building work was completed in 2022 we had held provisions for the final sums, these were reduced in the final contract negotiation and together with further, unexpected, income and grants provided funds to be released back to the General Fund.



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### 13 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(143,253)	866,912
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	51,853	54,176
Bank interest received	(6,565)	(4,375)
Gain on investments	(12,481)	
Decrease in debtors	13,207	100,934
(Decrease) in creditors	(54,652)	(4,926)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>(151,891)</u>	<u>1,012,721</u>

### 14 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	242,194	1,181,764
Short term deposits	341,512	239,734
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>583,706</u>	<u>1,421,498</u>

### 15 Leasing commitments

7 Whitfield Road is rented from the Brookhouse Hill Trust for an indefinite future period, with a 3 month notice period. £21,091 is expected to be paid during 2025.

50 Brooklands Crescent is rented from the Brookhouse Hill Trust for an indefinite future period with a 3 month notice period. £19,344 is expected to be paid during 2025.

1 Roscoe View is rented from the Brookhouse Hill Trust for an indefinite future period, with a 3 month notice period. £19,718 is expected to be paid during 2025.

### 16 Capital Commitments

At 31 December 2024 the PCC had no capital commitments (2023 £nil).

### 17 Quinquennial inspection of property

The most recent Quinquennial report was carried out during 2024 and any outstanding issues raised in the report continue to be investigated.

### 18 Pension commitments

Contributions to personal pension plans are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable. Contributions paid by the Council during the year were £54,233 (2023: £41,737). There was no pension liability at the year end.

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### 19 Grants paid

Grants paid primarily constitute payments for mission support, made by the Mission Committee. These are mainly paid to individuals or their supporting organisations. Detailed below are the organisations to which grants were paid or the organisations with whom the individuals work:

		£	£
World Mission Partners and Associates	People International	37,330	
	Acorn/Crosslinks	13,023	
	OM	14,060	
	Mercy Ships	-	
			<b>64,413</b>
UK Mission Partners and Associates	The Oakes	32,808	
	UCCF	2,000	
	Friends International	6,179	
	Galeed House	500	
	2:19 Teach to Reach	6,250	
			<b>47,737</b>
Mission Partners in Training		1,500	
			<b>1,500</b>
Short Term Service	Various	1,754	
			<b>1,754</b>
Mission partner support and encouragement	Other	997	
			<b>997</b>
Total per note 5 - Mission Committee allocations			<b>116,401</b>
Hardship grants			<b>6,525</b>

### 20 Income from grants

The following income from grants was recognised in the year:

- Listed Place of Worship Grant Scheme totalled £4,290 (2023: £11,825) in the year.
- Warm Spaces Scheme totalled £1,000 (2023: £nil) in the year.
- One other grant making body made a grant to the Building for the Future restricted fund of £12,500 (2023: one body totalling £12,500).

### 21 Related party transactions

PCC members and key management personnel (and families) donated £133,052 (2023: £147,241) before Gift Aid without conditions, which are included within the unrestricted total of Note 1. (Where a PCC member has only served for part of the year, donations are included for the whole of the financial year.)

PCC members (and families) received reimbursement of £4,250 (2023: £4,906) for expenditure incurred on behalf of the church.

Judith Jones, a member of the PCC, received rent for a property used by the curate. Rents paid totalled £10,800 (2023: nil)

The Brookhouse Hill Trust received £57,840 (2023: £53,100) for the rental of 50 Brooklands Crescent, 7 Whitfield Road and 1 Roscoe View. Paul Houghton was a trustee of the Brookhouse Hill Trust during the year. This trust is not controlled by Fulwood PCC. The amounts paid are considered by the PCC to be either market price or at a discount to market price. The key benefit of this rental arrangement to the PCC is the long-term availability of rental property suitable for the church's ministers' accommodation.

During the year, the PCC held cash in a deposit account with Kingdom Bank Ltd. The account held funds of £84,884 at 31 December 2024 (2023: £82,767). The PCC also used Kingdom Bank as insurance brokers and paying £1,870 (2023: £1,870) directly to them in respect of policies. Paul Houghton, a PCC member, is a director of the bank. Paul withdraws from any PCC decisions relating to the placing of funds with Kingdom Bank.