



St James' & St Luke's
Church Glossop

**Welcoming all
to walk with Jesus**

**Report to the
Annual Parochial
Church Meeting
for the year ended
31 December 2024**

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Vicar's Report

Rev Chris Neilson

Introduction

This year is my first full year as Priest in Charge of Whitfield Parish. It has been a privilege to help lead a group of committed, passionate people of faith as we seek to see God's Kingdom grow in our lives and in the community. I am intensely aware that I am just part of a team of people whose collective faith and hard work serve this parish. I am 100% sure that the many positive and encouraging elements of this report are the responsibility of the many great people who are mentioned within it, thank you all. But primarily, thank you to the Lord Jesus Christ, for his grace, love, power and accompaniment on our journey of faith.

In last year's annual report, I summed up our priorities in two words, 'Growing Together'. At Easter I gave out stones to represent the stone that covered Jesus' tomb and signalled his death. I asked us to move these aside so we could see the full Glory of the risen Christ. During this year I have seen many people come together and seek a new direction in mission and outreach.

Our **Mission Action Planning** team, after talking with us all, launched this new vision.



It is encouraging to read the progress and purpose of our many outreach activities, continued in this report, such as Grace Kitchen, Whitfield Café and Coffee Pot.

We continue to use The Vineyard and church buildings to host and partner with community groups and concerts which complement the mission and vision of the church and contribute to the costs of these buildings.

Vicar's Report

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Youth and Children's

The addition of Rebecca Wilson as a youth ministry trainee, has added a strong sense of purpose and direction in this area. **6:30 Kids**, a primary school activity club, is growing as is our youth club, **Roots**. Rebecca has been key in developing the team and the programme in these areas, bringing a clearer structure and direction, introducing strong and relatable faith elements. We have also started monthly family worship events and several other events to help young people grow and develop faith further.

I have taken on the Growing Faith Project from Rev Nick Gurney, who left the area. This is part of a national pilot seeking to grow faith in young people. Linking home, school and church is key to creating plausible spaces for young people to do this. The project has reset and aims to work more closely with Churches across the Valley to make the most of our combined effort, linking together several church youth groups with TNT in Dinting and a new group in Hadfield. We hope to see this support work linked up across the schools in Glossopdale, and creating a platform for young people to explore faith across church, school and in the community, with a wide group of many others.

Kingdom Kids groups alongside our normal church services and our monthly all age service have been supported by a good team across the churches. This has complimented the services, but it is clear this approach alone is not growing faith or numbers of younger people. More thought and possibly a different approach is being considered here.

St James' and St Luke's schools have continued their strong reputations and have grown their relationship with the church. They regularly have services and visits to church. They invite the church to contribute to collective worship.

Finance and Fabric

From a challenging position it is encouraging to see a steady financial position for the year. The giving of the congregation has responded generously to our needs, allowing us to increase our common fund contribution and invest in youth and children's work. There are challenges going forward which we continue to monitor, as we move forward in faith for growth and outreach.

Martin and Charlie have made great strides in maintaining many aspects of the buildings and identifying aspects we need to work on.

Ministry

The support of retired clergy, Martin Dowland and Rob Shimwell has enriched the ministry of the church. Rob's preaching series on the Psalms was illuminating for many and Martin's support in writing Growth Group material has been extremely valuable. Tracey Fellows has blossomed in her development from Reader training, adding her infectious enthusiasm and passionate faith.

The ministry of distribution of communion in the home, managed by Heather Kindleysides, has been a welcome addition and blessing to members of our fellowship who have been housebound, and we seek to grow this further.

Vicar's Report

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Looking forward

We face challenges, moving forward. We still have older congregations. We need to grow faith and involvement of young people and families. We need to communicate better, developing our online presence, promoting events more widely to make the most of what is already a busy programme. We need to invite people more. A communications team is working on this.

Our small groups serve well a more established group in the church, who are often available in the daytime. Families and those of working age have limited involvement and new ideas are needed in this area, so all are growing in engaging faith and fellowship.

We need to further consider welcome and making church a good home for new people. Evidence shows that many people come to and through the church but are not finding a home here. We need to collectively make new friends, include people in stronger fellowship to show a strong culture of welcome.

I feel that 2024 has so many positives and a foundation is set to achieve our new vision. This next year we would do well to realise this vision and our place in supporting it.

A challenge

I challenge us all to:

Walk with Jesus more deeply this year.

Welcome someone new to church and make a new friend.

Pray, believe and see Jesus, change and transform lives.

How about you making a note in the diary to ask yourself about these at the beginning of each month?



Church Warden's Report

Hilary Collard and Martin Galvin

There are many items of note that churchwardens are required to report on at this time of year however, for as long as we can remember in Whitfield Parish, there have been others that take much of that responsibility. These include the people involved in Finance, Fabric, Safeguarding, the Electoral Roll and Deanery Synod. For this reason, let us begin by giving thanks for this, and acknowledging the commitment of many in this parish who contribute to the day-to-day running and good order of our buildings and what goes on in and around them. If it wasn't for those who get on with the simple repair jobs, cleaning, gardening/flower arranging and setting up/catering for different services/events, the welfare of current members of this church (as well as those we look forward to welcoming in the future) would be noticeably and sadly lacking. **So, thank you to all the "unsung heroes"!**

We are confident that you will find much of interest to read in 2024's annual report and for this reason we will focus on the story of progress we are making with Chris as the Priest-in-Charge. We are delighted to confirm that the first three objectives, identified by the PCC in the appointment process, have been completed. The fourth – *To work to reimagine and revitalise mission and ministry for the whole town* – has yet to be achieved and is the reason we are both committing to support Chris as wardens for one more year.

Here are the highlights we have witnessed in 2024:

The emphasis on healing and confidence building, as well as fostering relationships between our three congregations and other churches in the town, continued throughout the year and Chris has been able to rebuild connections with the local undertakers, head teachers, church leaders of other denominations, local communities and young people. We have re-commissioned a team to visit the housebound, distribute communion at home and support Chris Nowak with monthly services in local care homes. We welcomed the bereaved to an annual service of remembrance and continue to bless those who come to Grace Kitchen and our Thursday cafes. Through fun events like the Easter Peg Hunt and Whitfield Well Dressing we have engaged with young and old across the parish.

Progress has been made with regard to discipleship during the year through *Leading your church into growth* teaching. We invited other church members to join us on Sunday afternoons for talks by Rob Shimwell entitled *Psalms for Living and Praying* and Neil Short on *Being a Witness*. Growth Groups continue to meet for fellowship and discussion around the Sunday teaching programme, for which study notes are ably provided by Martin Dowland. The appointment of a Youth Ministry Trainee has given us the opportunity to foster relationships with younger generations – in particular 6:30kids, Roots and TNT – and we pray for these age groups to grow spiritually and numerically in our fellowship.

Last year a team of Street Pastors was once again seen in town and the mentoring team continues to visit Glossopdale Community College, both of which involve individuals from this parish. The churches once again led carol singing together in Norfolk Square and ecumenical Lent prayer meetings took place. We have invited our Mission Partners to speak in those months with five Sundays, which provides us with the opportunity to both add our prayerful support as well as learn about their work, which we invest in through the annual tithe.

Church Warden's Report

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We have continued to regularly welcome local musicians to use St James' for their concerts and have recently rented space in the Vineyard to Whitfield's Friday Food Club whilst they were unable to operate from the community centre on the estate. St Luke's is also used for local council elections on a regular basis. Events in the town last year included participation in the Heritage weekend when D-Day 80 was commemorated. We had a stall in Norfolk Square and joined with Elim Community Church on Saturday evening to hear an interesting talk by David Banbury on the Battle of Normandy and the spirituality of several of those involved.

Having so far focussed on the past, we anticipate further progress in the final year of Chris' renewable term of office, when we hope to launch Welcome and Communications Teams and see the development of a new parish website. However, Whitfield's growth will be impacted by the Diocese's recruitment of two more vicars to take responsibility for the other four Anglican churches in Glossopdale, so that Chris has more time and energy to commit to his strategy here. No doubt he will be sharing this with you at the annual meeting on Sunday 11th May so we encourage you to make it a priority; not only for your prayers but also your support and encouragement by attending, as together we seek God's plan for this town.

We praise God for what has happened in the last twelve months and acknowledge that *"unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labour in vain."* (Ps 127:1)

Missional Partnerships

Judith Woodward

"Welcoming all to walk with Jesus" is more than a local ambition, we are a parish with worldwide vision of God's mission. Giving outwards from our parish tithe is an acknowledgement that all we have comes from our generous God.

Prayer support is as important as financial support. We have benefitted from inspiration in services with representatives from our four Main Mission Partners. (Information about these Mission Partners can be found on special notice boards in both churches). In 2024 Sid Williams from Embassy Village came to tell us about their project with the homeless in Manchester. There are services planned in 2025 to include each of the main Mission Partners, and there will be updates on other partners such as Stephen Bell and Street Pastors.

It is not easy to maintain regular, faithful prayer support for our Mission Partners. Prayer meetings for them are held three times a year and everyone who wants to pray is welcome. It is our hope that each Growth Group will pray regularly for at least one of the main missions. To help with this, an update of prayer news is sent to Growth Group leaders three times a year. Open Doors and Tear Fund have plenty of helpful videos.

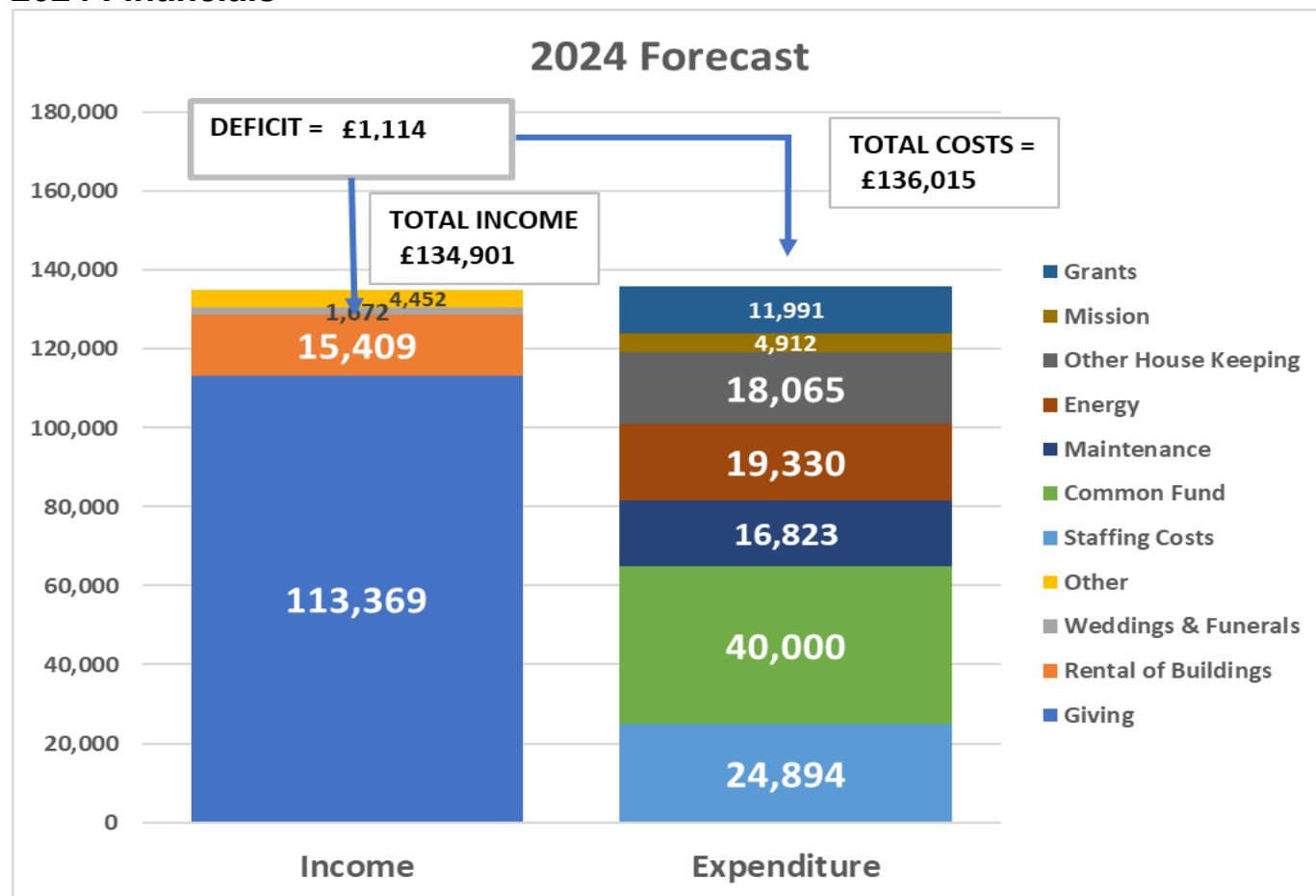
It is encouraging to see God's compassion reaching those round the world facing the harshest circumstances, and the sacrificial lives of individuals and families who pursue God's calling in mission.

Our Ambition – to inspire more people to value praying TOGETHER for mission.

Treasurers Report

Andy Hackett

2024 Financials



Our first outlook for our 2024 finances was looking quite challenging, however, with the sharing of our financial position, we were blessed with continuing generosity from our congregations that together with gift aid tax relief resulted in a giving amount of £113,369. Together with rental and other income, we had a total income of £134,901. Our total expenditure was £136,015 as detailed above. This was a reduction of £9,843 versus 2023. These cost reductions came from energy costs, staff costs and other housekeeping (where we had carried out required spend at the end of 2023). We had higher costs in maintenance, grants and mission, and we continued our commitment to increase our Common Fund payment by £5,000 versus 2023, to get towards the requested amount.

Overall, this resulted in a small deficit of £1,114 for the full year ending 31st December 2024. Please note that in the financial statements there is a slight surplus due to a higher amount of gift aid accrued in 2024 vs 2023.

As a result of this deficit, our general (unrestricted) cash reserves at the end of 2024 reduced slightly from £74,236 to £73,122. The Charity Commission recommends holding 3 months of expenditure in general reserves. This equates to £37,000.

Treasurers Report

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More detailed figures relating to 2024 can be found in the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 within this overall report.

Looking forward to 2025 and 2026

Giving is currently expected to slightly reduce over the next 2 years unless there are new givers or current givers are able to increase their giving. This is due to the effect of a number of one-off gifts for 2024. We have however, already seen positive increases in offertory plate and card machine donations.

We have worked hard in the last few years to reduce our costs, but there are now fewer options. We have invested in a new heating system in St Luke's, and despite some teething problems, we are seeing faster heat up times which will enable us to have a warmer church and could lead to lower energy costs. We have fixed our energy costs for 3 years with much lower daily standing charges to give us more certainty. We will continue to increase the amount of Common Fund that we pay to the Diocese, by £5,000.

Overall, for 2025, we are currently forecasting a deficit of £16,000 and for 2026 a deficit of £27,000. On these current forecasts, our reserves will reduce to £30,000 at the end of 2026 which is less than 3 months of costs of £39,000. As such, to break-even, giving will need to increase by 25% during the next 2 years which could include new giving.

Whilst we are in a significantly better position than where we were 2 to 3 years ago, we still need to grow in numbers, both financially and in those coming to know and worship Jesus, and to grow spiritually and missionally. The PCC thank everyone for their generosity, help and support in getting us to this improved position.

	2024 Actuals	2025 Latest Forecast	2026 Latest Forecast
Giving Income	£ 113k	£112k	£109k
Other Income	£ 22k	£ 19k	£ 19k
Total Income	£ 135k	£131k	£128k
Total Costs	£136k	£147k	£155k
Deficit	(£ 1k)	(£ 16k)	(£ 27k)
Reserves	£73k	£57k	£30k

Figures per Management Accounts

Treasurers Report

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Notes to Finance Headings

Income

Giving – the largest portion of our income continues to come from what each of us gives to our churches. This includes claiming of tax relief known as gift aid. The PCC thank you for your continued generosity.

Rental of Buildings – Just over half is from the rental of Church House. The rest is from renting rooms in the Vineyard or one of the churches for concerts, etc.

Weddings and Funerals/Other – Virtually all of this is generated from fees charged for and donations from weddings and funerals, including costs such as energy and cleaning.

Expenditure

Staffing costs – These costs are for our Parish Administrator and our cleaning staff, all on part-time basis to support and lead us in the mission of the parish.

Common Fund – This contributes towards our clergy and the running of the Diocese and the Church of England.

Energy Costs – These are slowly reducing but we do not expect to go back to 2022 levels.

Maintenance/Other Church Running Costs – These are the costs of running St James', St Luke's and The Vineyard to be used for the glory of God, and include maintenance, insurance, admin, etc.

Mission – Our local outreach in the form of Youth, Children's and Schools work, Alpha, Messy Church, Whitfield Café and services/baptisms.

Grants – These are donations that we make to other charities to further the local, national and international outreach in the name of Christ.

Grants Report

Andy Hackett

In 2024, £1,500 was raised in grants. These funds are restricted solely for the usage they were given. Knowing church funds are increasingly tight and seeing that funding was still available for community work, the grant applications secured enable Whitfield Community Café and Grace Kitchen to provide warm spaces during the winter, to be sustainable into the future and to enable this ministry to grow and expand further to help those who are struggling in our community.

£1,000 related to winter 2023/24 and £500 related to winter 2024/25, but both amounts were received in 2024.

Below is a table showing the source of grants received, the amount and for which area of mission:

Source of Grant	Amount	Mission Area
Derbyshire County Council	£ 1,500	Warm Spaces - Whitfield Community Café/Grace Kitchen

PCC Report

Elaine Richardson

2024 has been another positive year for Whitfield PCC with business being carried out in an atmosphere of laughter and fun. Through our meetings (every other month) we have continued to ensure we have policies and procedures in place that keep people safe and enable us to make good use of our buildings. We have supported Chris, our Priest-in-Charge, in his first full year in the parish and have agreed several initiatives that are enabling us to grow through **Loving God, Loving one another and Loving others.**

At the APCM in 2024 we said goodbye to two members along with our PCC Secretary, with one member being re-elected and four new members joining. Following the APCM Heather Kindleysides was appointed to the role of PCC Secretary.

Our current membership is below and at the APCM in 2025 we hope to elect five new members including two Deanery Synod members.

Post	Name	Term Length
Priest-in-Charge	Chris Neilson	Ex-Officio
Curate	Vacant	Ex-Officio
Warden	Hilary Collard	2024-2025
Warden	Martin Galvin	2024-2025
Deanery Synod	Heather Kindleysides	2023-2026
Deanery Synod		2025-2026
Deanery Synod		2025-2026
PCC	Andy Hackett	2022-2025
PCC	Kate Cahill	2022-2025
PCC	Ann Williams	2023-2026
PCC	Elaine Richardson	2023-2026
PCC	Joanne Swindells	2023-2026
PCC	Sheila Humphrey	2023-2026
PCC	Christopher Bowes	2024-2027
PCC	Duncan Edge	2024-2027
PCC	Jean Burston	2024-2027
PCC	Matthew Gregory	2024-2027

We want to thank all those that have served on the PCC in 2024 and look forward to another fruitful year in 2025.

Safeguarding Report

Tracey Fellows

Why is safeguarding important?

'Safeguarding is part of our core faith and an integral feature of Christian life in our parish churches. The welfare of the child, young person and vulnerable adult is, always, paramount, and takes precedence over all other considerations.' (2018 - Parish Safeguarding Handbook).

Jesus modelled appropriate interaction in his conduct towards children and vulnerable adults eg: the healing of Jairus' daughter (Mark 5: 21-40). The parents were present, and he went to heal her at the father Jairus' request. It took place with the parent's consent and with other disciples in his presence. Also, the healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda, a vulnerable adult paralysed for 38 years (John 5: 1-15). Jesus used his wisdom and discernment but before healing, Jesus asked the man if he wanted to be well.

He is our role model of compassion, wisdom, discernment, dignity, consent and capacity for others to make decisions.

Developments

- Dashboard hub – We have continued to use the software programme funded by Derby Diocese. It helps to keep track of all parish volunteers' DBS checks and / or training. It is centrally held, password protected and GDPR compliant. Both the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and relevant parish personnel can view the information within. It is only as good as the information inputted to it however!
- Admin support – Sheila Humphrey is providing valuable admin support to the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) in terms of maintaining and updating the Dashboard Hub information. Heather Kindleysides is to provide DBS admin support; this has been delayed as the Diocese have changed DBS providers from APCS to 31:8. Both Heather and I need to undertake training for the new provider 31:8. The Diocese are aware and the PSO has requested support from the Diocesan Safeguarding team in the interim with DBS applications. Thank you both Sheila and Heather for your willingness to offer invaluable support.

What Has Gone Well

- The culture and attitudes within the parish towards safer recruitment has changed gradually over recent years. Volunteers are, on the whole, more understanding and accepting of the need to complete prompt DBS checks and / or safeguarding training as per the Church of England Safer Recruitment policy for any volunteer role.

Challenges

- There has been much to learn and reflect on, in the light of the Makin Report outlining the findings of the investigation of the abuse perpetrated by John Smyth QC. This culminated in the resignation of The Archbishop of Canterbury. Ironically, at the end of that same week, it was Safeguarding Sunday for the Church of England. A special service was led by Bishop Libby, which the PSO attended. It was very sombre, moving and at times emotional. Prayers from that service were used within our Parish services for the following weeks.
- The Diocesan safeguarding team were a source of support and updates for any PSO who wanted to know and understand more.

Safeguarding Report

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- Another challenge is adequate cover for the PSO in the event of illness or studying responsibilities, this currently falls to the vicar.

What do we need to work on this year.

- Continue to maintain and develop a healthy and open culture towards safeguarding and safer recruitment including DBS checks and / or timely training.

Where we hope safeguarding to be next year.

- Increased awareness of the dynamics of power within relationships and the effects of unconscious bias so that we truly can say as a parish we truly are, 'Welcoming all to Walk with Jesus'

As ever my grateful thanks and annual reminder that safeguarding is not a 'tick box' exercise. It is a way of ensuring we are showing the love of Jesus by looking out for the young and the vulnerable in our church communities.

Fabric Report

Charlie Bishop

ACTIONS IN THE YEAR

St Luke's

- Following a camera inspection, major repair work undertaken to replace drains damaged by tree roots at the front of pathway. This resolved the problems with toilet flushing in the rear room
- Boiler room tidied and accumulated rubbish removed

St James'

- Heavy rain caused water ingress on the east end vestry wall. Problem rectified and all interior walls affected repainted.
- Vestry doorway tidied and repainted. Vestry outside door and boiler room door repainted.
- Clock Tower – source of birds' way in identified and blocked off. Bell Tower tidied and bell ropes secured

Vineyard

- Overflowing gutter repaired when cleaning leaves from gutter
- Camera doorbell fitted for office staff security

ISSUES FOR COMING YEAR NOT ALREADY ACTIONED

QUINQUENNIAL due this year

St Luke's: redecorating following heating work (painting, plastering, some carpet repairs and cleaning) Also, burners on the boilers due a service (done every 4/5 years)

St James': ladder for easier access to Clock Tower (standard DIY ladder not bespoke work) possible outside roof work to resolve occasional water ingress around balcony area.

Vineyard: remove bird's nest and fill hole high up in sidewall

Deanery Synod

Heather Kindleysides and Nikki Goodhew

Area Dean – Rev Dr David Mundy

Assistant Area Deans – Rev Louise Petheram, Rev Mark Griffin

Lay Chair – Nikki Goodhew

2024 Deanery Synod

House of Laity

Number of Representatives as per Diocesan Formula – 76

Number of elected Representatives – 44

Number of parishes with no representation -12

Synod 24th April 2024

Martyn Marples, Diocesan Director of Finance and Operations, attended this meeting and took us through the Diocesan finances and the new resources for parishes 'On the Money'. There was a lively discussion about finance in the diocese and in parishes, and representatives were encouraged to take the resources back to their parishes. A short overview of the work of Diocesan Synod was given highlighting the forthcoming elections, as Deanery Synod reps are the electors. We also said a heartfelt thank you to Christine McMullen for her years of service to the Peak Deanery and to Buxton Deanery before that, ahead of her move to Belper.

Synod 10th July 2024

This meeting was attended by Ben Martin, Lay Ministries Officer and Warden of Readers, and Rev Susie Curtis, Deputy Director of Studies, from the Parish Support Office. There was input on lay-led worship and then discussion on how this is worked out in parishes, particularly those in vacancy. The accounts for the previous year and the budget for the following year were presented and approved, and the results of the elections to Diocesan Synod were presented.

Synod 6th November 2024

Archdeacon Nicky Fenton and Sam Frith, Strategic Programme and Change Lead from the Parish Support Office, attended this meeting. Sam asked Synod to respond to four questions to help him in the development of the Diocesan Vision and Strategy and there was much discussion on this. Archdeacon Nicky took us through the proposed changes to the rules that govern how Deanery Synod works and asked for comments from reps. We were very sad to say goodbye to our administrator Eileen Burt at this meeting, and we thanked her for all her hard work for the Peak Deanery.

At each meeting there was also a finance report, a Diocesan Synod report and an environmental team report.

In Our Community

Coffee Pot at St Luke's - Cynthia Jones and Gill Booth

Coffee Pot has been a feature of Thursday Mornings for 20 years or so. Started by John and Jackie Rosedale, now run by Cynthia Jones with a team of helpers who serve once a month.

With the new heating at St Luke's, it is even more welcoming!

We make donations to various charities and speakers visiting our churches.

We have given £350 towards the heating at St Luke's, £100 to Embassy and £100 towards Christmas gifts for children.

We provide coffee, tea etc. for Sunday services too. Come and try our Coffee and toast sometime.

Grace Kitchen - John and Ann Midwood

Each Wednesday morning, Grace Kitchen continues to provide a warm and safe place for local residents. A sandwich lunch with hot or cold drink is provided free of charge for customers who attend, and we distribute over 40 bags of groceries made up from donations by local supermarkets. The volunteers are, Judith Woodward, Sandi Mann, Mari Brown, John and Ann Midwood, David Leigh, Catherine Cowley, Ben Ronson and Martin Galvin.

We celebrate that:

- A client, who was homeless, was able to be reached at Grace Kitchen and has now been re-housed.
We make up a bag of groceries and takeaway sandwiches for a local care worker to take to a vulnerable single mother
- Catering student Ben, joins us during college holidays

Our key challenges are:

- Less fruit and vegetables being donated from supermarkets
- Availability of volunteers on occasion
- Difficulty for volunteers in being able to collect from some supermarkets at unsociable hours

We are looking forward to:

Inviting more people, who maybe in need in the local community, to come along to Grace Kitchen and encourage anyone who may be thinking they would like to be a volunteer to come along and join us.



Whitfield Community Café – Jo Galvin

Volunteer team: John and Marilyn Butterworth, Susan Lowe, Judith Moore, Ruth Bennett, Julia Tinson, Bee Oliver, Ashly Oldham, Jo Galvin.

The aim of the Café is to provide a safe space for all people of all ages in the Glossop and surrounding areas where they can enjoy a free cuppa with cake, have a chat and a laugh.

Our aim is to gently present the gospel. We do this by running Easter and Christmas parties as well as offering a listening ear to anyone who is struggling with personal problems. We offer prayer where we feel it's appropriate.

Last year we saw three people come to the Lord through getting to know them and inviting them to bible study.

Our service users are committed to the café both in their attendance and by their generous support of bringing cakes and a cheeky fiver every now and then towards our events. The Vineyard provides an excellent space to run the café.

The team is truly amazing even though we are an older team and can sometimes struggle with the workload. We work hard to please all our guests, though acknowledge that it can be tricky.

Whitfield Parochial Church Council

Objectives, Governance and Structure

The primary object of Whitfield PCC is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, in co-operation with the Priest-in-Charge, Reverend Christopher Neilson, to promote in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Whitfield Parish has four buildings: the Churches of St James the Great, Hollincross Lane and St Luke's, Fauvel Road; Church House, Fauvel Road and The Vineyard, 18-20 Charlestown Road.

Whitfield Parish is part of the Peak Deanery in the Diocese of Derby. The correspondence address is The Vineyard, 18-20 Charlestown Road, Glossop, Derbyshire, SK13 8JN.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2022) The PCC is a Registered Charity, number 1134145.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Priest-in-Charge, the Churchwardens, 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 encouraged to join the Electoral Roll, and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The PCC appoints a sub-committee to advise on all matters of finance.



WHITFIELD CHURCH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

WHITFIELD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Funds 2023 £
INCOME						
Voluntary Income	2a	115,053	-	1,500	116,553	126,234
Activities for generating funds	2b	7,721	-	7,033	14,754	26,713
Income from investments	2c	3,142	817	3,342	7,301	5,580
Church activities	2d	10,669	-	-	10,669	12,316
Total income		136,585	817	11,875	149,277	170,843
EXPENDITURE						
Church activities	3a	134,715	-	7,859	142,574	151,916
Raising funds	3b	1,303	-	8,270	9,573	474
Total expenditure		136,018	-	16,129	152,147	152,390
Net income/expenditure before Investment gains		567	817	(4,254)	(2,870)	18,453
Net gains on investments	4b	-	-	-	-	5
Net income (EXPENDITURE)		567	817	(4,254)	(2,870)	18,458
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		567	817	(4,254)	(2,870)	18,458
Total funds brought forward	8b	79,006	15,866	211,179	306,051	287,594
Total carried forward		79,573	16,683	206,925	303,181	306,052

BALANCE SHEET


As at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	4a	125,684	125,684
Investments	4b	-	-
		125,684	125,684
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	6,722	4,954
Short term deposits	6a	147,479	144,526
Cash at bank and in hand	6b	23,416	31,087
		177,617	180,567
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	120	200
NET CURRENT ASSETS		177,497	180,367
NET ASSETS		303,181	306,051
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	8b	79,573	79,006
Designated	8b	16,683	15,866
Restricted	8b	206,925	211,179
		303,181	306,051

The attached notes numbered 1 to 8 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 17th March 2025 and signed on their behalf by


C Neilson PCC Chairperson


AR Hackett PCC Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations "true and fair view" provisions. They have also been prepared under FRS 102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP) (FRS102).

Assets**Consecrated and benefits property**

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

Moveable church furnishings and tangible fixed assets

Items costing in excess of £1,000 with a useful economic life in excess of a year are capitalised and depreciated over that useful economic life.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets, less their anticipated residual value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings	Nil
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	4 Years

Depreciation is not provided on land and buildings as the currently estimated value of the property is not less than the carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at the year end.

Short term deposits

These are monies held on deposit with CCLA.

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Funds 2023 £
2a. Voluntary income					
Planned giving	91,759	-	-	91,759	96,806
Tax recovered	21,022	-	-	21,022	24,249
Collections – open plate	2,272	-	-	2,272	2,979
Grants	-	-	1,500	1,500	2,050
Sundry donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	150
	115,053	-	1,500	116,553	126,234
2b. Activities for generating funds					
Donations for specific purposes (including tax)	-	-	1,602	1,602	13,797
Rent from Church House	7,721	-	5,431	13,152	12,916
	7,721	-	7,033	14,754	26,713
2c. Income from investments					
Dividends on CCLA Investment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Net gains on CCLA Investment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on CCLA Deposit Fund	3,142	817	3,342	7,301	5,580
	3,142	817	3,342	7,301	5,580
2d. Income from church activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,672	-	-	1,672	1,621
Room hire and other activities	8,997	-	-	8,997	10,695
	10,669	-	-	10,669	12,316
Total income	136,585	817	11,875	149,277	170,843

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3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
3a. Church activities					
Missionary and charitable giving:					
Church overseas	3,004	-	-	3,004	2,869
Relief and development agencies	4,284	-	-	4,284	3,295
Personal missionaries	-	-	-	-	-
Home missions and other church societies	4,090	-	-	4,090	2,789
Secular	612	-	-	612	471
	11,990	-	-	11,990	9,424
Diocesan parish share	40,000	-	-	40,000	35,000
Clergy and staffing costs	24,894	-	-	24,894	29,884
Church running and maintenance	48,869	-	-	48,869	60,795
Upkeep of churchyard	-	-	-	-	2,025
Depreciation of equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry costs	4,717	-	7,859	12,576	8,691
Training and conferences	112	-	-	112	2,205
Publicity costs	195	-	-	195	-
Office expenses and other costs	3,938	-	-	3,938	3,892
	134,715	-	7,859	142,574	151,916
3b. Raising funds					
Church House maintenance and other costs	1,303	-	8,270	9,573	474
Total resources expended	136,018	-	16,129	152,147	152,390

3c. Analysis of expenditure

	2024 £	2023 £
The following amounts were included in expenditure:		
Independent examiner's fees	120	120
Wages and salaries (including pension contributions)	23,610	28,485

4. FIXED ASSETS

	Church House £	Church Equipment £	Total £
4a. Tangible fixed assets			
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	125,684	19,856	145,540
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	125,684	19,856	145,540
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	-	19,856	19,856
Charge for the year	-	-	-
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	-	19,856	19,856
Net book value			
At 1 January 2024	125,684	-	125,684
At 31 December 2024	125,684	-	125,684

Church House is stated at cost and has not been revalued. The freehold title of the property is held by an independent trust and the PCC has no power of sale. The costs arising on the property are met out of the rental income received and 4/7ths of any net income arising is wholly for the benefit of the PCC. The remaining 3/7ths is held in trust to be used for the benefit of St Luke's Church.

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4b. Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2024	-	201
Re-invested dividends	-	-
Unrealised net gains/losses on investment	-	5
Expenditure in the year	-	(206)
Market value at 31 December 2024	-	-

5. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	6,604	4,954
Amounts owed by third parties	118	-
	6,722	4,954

6. SHORT TERM DEPOSITS, BANK AND CASH BALANCES

	2024	2023
	2024	2023
	£	£
Short term deposits	147,479	144,526
Cash at bank and in hand	23,416	31,087
	170,895	175,613

6a. Short term deposits comprise:

	2024	2023
	£	£
CCLA deposits	147,479	144,526

6b. Cash at bank and in hand comprises:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank current accounts		
National Westminster Bank PLC	19,544	21,562
Barclays Bank PLC	3,872	9,525
	23,416	31,087
Petty cash	-	-
	23,416	31,087

7. LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Funds held on behalf of third parties	-	80
Accrued expenses	120	120
	120	200

8. FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Funds
	£	£	£	2024	2023
				£	£
8a. Summary of assets by fund					
Fixed assets	-	-	125,684	125,684	125,684
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets	79,693	16,683	81,241	177,617	180,567
Current liabilities	(120)	-	-	(120)	(200)
	79,573	16,683	206,925	303,181	306,051

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8. FUNDS (continued)**8.b Summary of fund movements**

	1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Net gains on investments	Transfer between Funds	31 December 2024
Unrestricted funds						
Parish general funds	79,006	136,585	(136,018)	-	-	79,573
Designated funds						
For the Benefit of St Luke's Church	15,866	817	-	-	-	16,683
Restricted funds						
Church House fund	125,684	-	-	-	-	125,684
St Luke's Building Fund	156	-	(156)	-	-	-
For the Benefit of St Luke's Church	36,393	2,874	-	-	-	39,267
Church House Maintenance fund	6,159	177	(4,348)	-	-	1,989
Church House Trustees Account	29,149	6,722	(3,922)	-	-	31,948
Whitfield Cafe Grant fund	26	-	(5)	-	-	21
Grace Kitchen fund	3,115	252	(228)	-	-	3,139
Senior's fund	508	-	-	-	-	508
St Luke's Donations Over 3 years	8,400	-	(4,200)	-	-	4,200
Youth Work Fund	1,250	-	(1,250)	-	-	-
Hospitality Fund	107	-	-	-	-	107
St James' Chimes/Bell Fund	50	12	-	-	-	62
Warm Buildings Fund	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-	-
Third Party Charity Appeals	182	338	(520)	-	-	-
	211,179	11,875	(16,129)	-	-	206,925
Total movements	306,051	149,277	(152,147)	-	-	303,181

Unrestricted funds are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC. We aim to carry at least 3 months of expenditure in unrestricted reserves as recommended by the Charity Commission.

Designated funds are funds that have been set aside out of general unrestricted funds by the PCC for particular purposes and can be undesignated or re-designated. Together with unrestricted funds, these form part of free reserves.

Restricted funds can be used in furtherance of the objectives of the PCC but can only be used for specific purposes set by either the PCC itself or external donors. As such they do not form part of free reserves.

Church House is held by an independent trust and the PCC has no power of sale. The costs arising on the property are met out of the rental income received and 4/7ths of any net income arising is wholly for the benefit of the PCC. The remaining 3/7ths is held in the Church House Trustees Account as a restricted fund. The Trustees of Church House decide how these monies are used, but they must be used for the benefit of St Luke's Church.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WHITFIELD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on the previous five pages.

Respective responsibilities of the members of the PCC and examiner

Members of the PCC are charity trustees for the parish and are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records and for the preparation of accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of 2011 Act.

Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and

State whether particular matters come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by PCC 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 members of the PCC 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 next statement.

Independent Examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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