

**Parish of Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton
(Charity Registration Number: 1134504)**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of St Mary and St Michael has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

- *Regular public worship open to all.*
- *Provision of sacred space for personal prayer and meditation.*
- *Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.*
- *Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.*
- *Taking of religious assemblies in schools and provision of church services for schools.*
- *Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and meetings and the distribution of literature.*
- *Promoting the whole mission of the church through the provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers, young people and special needs groups.*
- *Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.*

Achievements and performance

Combined electoral roll 136 (136)

Average Sunday attendance 102 (130)

The attendance at the regular major services at Christmas, Easter and Remembrance as well as monthly Messy Church are much greater.

Worship and Prayer

The pattern of worship has continued with Sunday services being mainly Eucharistic. Mid-week services at St Mary's alternate between Eucharist and Morning Prayer, while mid-week services at St Michael's are Morning prayer.

Home Communions

Home communions continue to be offered throughout the parish for people who are housebound. These are taken by lay readers and our licenced Pastoral Assistant monthly on request.

The Contemplative Prayer Group *meets monthly in St Michael's.*

The Intercessory Prayer Circle *has been active and a prayer chain by email is actioned for the sick or anyone else who requests this support.*

Schools and Youth and Children's Work

Positive links continue with all 6 schools in the parish. Sheila Yates, our licenced lay minister for children and young people, takes school assemblies.

Local schools continue to hold Christmas and Harvest services in our churches, including Hallbrook Primary for the first time, as well as making visits to the church buildings as part of their RE curriculum. These visits enable members of the church to share and talk about their faith.

Young people from Thomas Estley Community College took part in a Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Armistice Day.

Open the Book

Our Open the Book team has 12 members. The team visits all five Primary Schools in the Parish- Manorfield in Stanton, Croft Primary, Orchard, Old Mill and Hallbrook in Broughton Astley - twice each term. Our visits are welcomed by the schools and greatly enjoyed by the children.

Teddy Bear Bunch

This group for toddlers and their parents/carers meets weekly during term time at St Mary's. There are a variety of activities for the children and a Bible based story at the end of each session. The group provides a valuable link to Messy Church and baptisms.

Messy Church

Messy Church meets monthly in both St Mary's and St Michael's churches on a Sunday morning. Numbers continue to grow and it is a valuable outreach to families.

Christingle

Christingle services were held in all three churches and were once again exceptionally well attended.

Occasional Services

Remembrance

Readers worked with Parish Councils to offer Remembrance Services in each village which were very well attended.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

In 2024 there were 12 (15) Baptisms, Confirmation 1 (1), Weddings 7 (5), 0 (1) Wedding Blessing and 15 (20) funerals across the Parish.

Christmas

An Advent 'Darkness to Light' service took place once again at St Mary's and there were carol services and a Christmas Midnight Mass in all three churches. The combined parish choir worked very hard indeed and produced music of a very high standard. Croft Silver Band made a unique contribution to the village carol service. All these services were very well attended and greatly appreciated.

Missions and Evangelism, Outreach and Communications

The three churches maintain an open and inclusive tradition embracing Catholic and broad church elements in their worship and ministry, although each has its own particular ethos, so that all parishioners are catered for in a non-discriminatory way in their faith journey.

In June, St Mary's church, Broughton Astley welcomed Bishop Saju of Loughborough where he conducted a service of confirmation.

The unique, historic church buildings and the tradition of regular bell-ringing make people in each community aware of the church's presence. The monthly Parish Magazine has an average circulation of approximately 280. We make regular use of village notice boards, both physical and on social media. There is a Parish Website which Steve Beadle maintains, and a Parish Facebook page.

There is a Parish Administrator, Denise Carrington, to assist with general enquiries and bookings for weddings, baptisms and funerals. Her contact number and email are widely advertised. she also maintains the Parish Diary and service rotas. N.B. Denise will leave this role in March 2025. The duties and responsibilities of this position are to be reviewed and a new appointment made in the second half of 2025.

A Lent Course was led by Peter and Sheila Yates.

Groups and Fellowship

The Bible Study Group *meets monthly in Broughton Astley.*

The united BACSS Choir *rehearse weekly and are growing in number. Our thanks are due to Sebastian Carrington for directing the choir with such skill and enthusiasm. Sebastian went up to university in October and we are most grateful that Andrew Davies has taken on the role of conductor very ably.*

*Each church has a dedicated group of **Bell-ringers**. The tower at St Michael's regularly hosts the Leicester Diocese Young Ringers' Group.*

The Ladies' Fellowship *meets monthly at St Mary's.*

Each church offers regular opportunities for people to meet friends and socialise:

Community Market and Coffee Morning every first Saturday of the month at St Mary's.

Lunches at St Michael and All Angels, also every first Saturday.

Coffee Morning at St Michael's every second Saturday of the month, plus Winter Warmer Lunches.

Numerous social events are held throughout the year such as quiz nights, Harvest Supper, concerts, Christmas Tree Festival etc. It is noteworthy that the congregations of all three churches enjoy meeting together and supporting each other's events.

Ecumenical Relationships

Friendly and co-operative relationships are maintained with other denominations in the Parish (Baptist, Evangelical and Methodist). There are no centres of worship of other faiths within our Parish.

Support for the Wider Church

Representatives of the PCC participate fully in the Guthlaxton Deanery Synod and we receive the Leicester Diocesan weekly Diomail ensuring contact with and awareness of the wider church.

Support for the Wider Community

As well as our pastoral ministry and the provision of the 'occasional offices' marking the various rites of passage, our policy is to serve each community in the Parish, and we have made significant progress in adapting our buildings for greater community use including exhibitions, concerts and other community occasions. Our three buildings have adequate energy efficient heating and lighting systems as well as loop systems for those using hearing aids. The reordering in all three churches has created flexible and useful spaces in which people may gather for a variety of events. A hiring agreement is in place for each church so that community groups can use these reordered spaces sanctioned by the PCC.

At St Mary's the Broughton Astley Volunteer Group holds a weekly coffee morning attended by around eighty, mostly older people. Two Brownie Packs and a Guide Pack also use the church, plus a slimming club.

Safeguarding in the Parish of Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton

Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of everyone. It is central to our mission and ministry and is integral in the Diocesan Vision which asks us to consider how to make our church communities healthier.

The Parish of Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton has in place arrangements which include:

- Procedures to identify, respond to and report concerns*
- Codes of safer practice*
- Safer recruitment procedures*

Safeguarding roles

The following people have Safeguarding roles in the Parish:

- Parish Safeguarding Officer - Peter Yates
- Parish Safeguarding Officer for Vulnerable Adults - Mr John Bass

We take advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team:

- Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor - Rachael Spiers
- Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor - Peter Holloway

Safeguarding Policy

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognize and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

Reported safeguarding concerns

In 2024, there were no reported safeguarding concerns.

Display

- Safeguarding arrangements are clearly visible on the front page of the parish website.*
- There is a signed formal statement of adoption of the House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church; safeguarding policy statement'.*
- Information is displayed in all three churches about how to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, (DSA), PSO's and how to get help outside the church.*
- A hard copy of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook is kept in the churches*

Safeguarding Audit

In line with Church of England advice, our Safeguarding procedures were audited in 2024. This action plan is monitored annually and any concerns addressed.

DBS & Safeguarding Training

All lead volunteers, licensed ministers and clergy are required to complete a DBS application and to complete the Church of England online Safeguarding training.

Equal Opportunities

The PCC has adopted the Leicester Diocese Equal Opportunities Policy.

Health and Safety Policy

The PCC has a Health and Safety Policy which is reviewed annually.

Charitable Contributions

The Parish continues to organise collections within and beyond our congregations. In addition the Parish responds readily to other causes and emergency appeals as they arise. We also maintain Foodbank collection points in all three churches.

Maintenance of Historic Buildings

Our churches are listed historic buildings (Grades II and II) which, despite very significant challenges in their upkeep and maintenance and their adaptation for community use, are greatly cherished. Our buildings are maintained in good order. Following the quinquennial inspections, work is being progressed at St Mary's and has been completed at St Michael and All Angels Croft*

and at St Michael's Stoney Stanton. We maintain recommended levels of insurance with Ecclesiastical Insurance Company.

Financial Review 2024 (Draft Accounts subject to Examination)

Our 2024 total income was £142,154 (2023 was £112,326 and 2022 was £114,416).

Our core regular giving to the Parish by our congregation was £48,713 (2023 was £47,695 and 2022 was £51,198). Unfortunately the pool of regular givers has been falling slightly over the last few years.

Fund raising and Church hire continue to bring in substantial funds.

The sale of the Stoney Stanton Church Hall and Land finally took place in December 2023, raising net proceeds of £124,992 which were shown as an exceptional item for 2023 in the Financial Statements.

Our 2024 total expenses were £118,719 (2023 was £92,404 and 2022 was £104,266).

As expected, our heating and lighting costs were significantly higher in 2024 than in 2023, as were our routine repairs and maintenance. £13,044 was also spent in addition on Croft tower repairs.

Our "normal" annual running costs are approximately £100k per year.

Overall in 2024 our income exceeded our expenses by £23,435, including some generous donations. However there are sizeable repair and maintenance costs to come in 2025.

The Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024 shows the Parish has net assets of £286,726, which includes the net proceeds of Stoney Stanton Church Hall and Land of £124,992.

As ever the Financial Statements reflect the efforts and generosity of many people to maintain and upgrade our church buildings and to further the church ministry.

Priest's Report

Sadly, Rev Pauline Cummins left the Parish in August to take up a stipendiary role in the Diocese of Lincoln. We would like to record our grateful thanks for Rev Pauline's hard work, inspiration and leadership during her time with us. Our prayers and very best wishes for her future go with her.

Minster Community Process

We were notified by Leicester Diocese in December that the process of shaping parishes in Area 5, in which our parish lies, into Minster Communities would begin in January 2025. Informal discussions with neighbouring parishes have begun.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Scheme for management of the Parish ("The Constitution") was approved at the Annual Parochial Church meeting in April 2019 and implemented.

Appointment of PCC members complies with the Church Representation Rules 2020. The PCC as at 31st December 2024 consisted of:

- *Licensed Clergy*
- *Churchwardens (x6)*
- *Readers' Representative*
- *Licensed Lay Representative*
- *Deanery Synod Representatives (x2)*
- *Elected members (x6 ie 2 per congregation)*
- *Safeguarding Officer*
- *Vice chair*
- *Secretary of the PCC*
- *Treasurer of the PCC*

All who attend worship regularly are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC and the DCCs.

The full PCC met 4 times during 2024 and was quorate on all occasions with an average attendance of 75%. Its objectives are to consider and conduct day to day Parish management, agree goals, visions and parish policy. The PCC also deals with the legal requirements of the church in areas such as Safeguarding and Health and Safety.

For practical reasons, the PCC continues to delegate management of funds raised by and maintained by each church to that church's District Church Council. The Parochial Church Council in law has ownership of all funds (subject to any donor-made restrictions) and each DCC is accountable to the PCC for them. The policy of the Council is to regard the funds managed by each DCC as designated to the church of that DCC.

Administrative Information

The Parish has churches in Broughton Astley, Croft and Stoney Stanton. It is part of the Diocese of Leicester within the Church of England.

The Parish Contact is:

Parish Administrator

bacsschurches@gmail.com. 07534 820197

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners as indicated above. The PCC during 2024 and to date of signing below was:

Ex officio: Rev Pauline Cummins Associate Priest chair of the PCC until 31st August 2024.

Rev Vic Goodman (licensed clergy)

Churchwardens: Paul Lawrence, Rachel Smith, John Bass, Mike Wootton, Claire Jordan and Colin Atkinson. The Churchwardens are sworn in each year.

Vice chair of the PCC Sheila Yates (chair from 1st September 2024)

Readers' Representative: Peter Yates

Licensed Lay Representative: vacant

Deanery Synod Representatives: Margie Brimacombe, Edward Bestwick and one vacancy.

Safeguarding Officer: Peter Yates

Secretary of the PCC: Paula Atkinson

Treasurer of the PCC: Barbara Bedford

Elected: Broughton Astley: Steve Windram, Sheila Yates

Croft: Lester Halling, Jeremy Davis

Stoney Stanton: Margie Brimacombe, Edward Bestwick

Acknowledgements

We are grateful to retired clergy Rev Vic Goodman who has played a key support role in our ministry team.

The PCC is grateful to the Lay Ministers Sheila Yates, Alison and Martin Macklin, Heather Beadle, and Malcom Burland; Pastoral Assistant John Bass, Readers Peter Yates and Lester Halling, Director of Music Sebastian Carrington and Parish Administrator Denise Carrington, and also the many volunteers who continue to give substantially of their services in all spheres of our church activity.

All those who financially support our churches in these difficult times are much appreciated as are all those who have made donations, grants and legacies which have greatly enhanced our work during 2024.

We thank the PCC's Financial Statements Examiner David Rupp FCCA for his services.

Signed for and on behalf of the PCC _____

Chair of the PCC Sheila Yates _____

Secretary of the PCC Paula Atkinson _____

The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary and St Michaels, Broughton
Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton

Diocese of Leicester UK

Parochial Church Council

Charity Commission Registration No 1134504

Statement of Financial Activities of the Parish for the year ended
31 December 2024 and the Independent Examiner's Report
thereon

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary and St Michaels, Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations and has since been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Rupp, FCCA
10 Crowfoot Way,
Broughton Astley
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Gth May
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The Parish of St Mary and St Michaels - Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

Description	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income					
Voluntary Giving	2a	90,300	11,000	101,300	85,049
Activities for generating funds	2b	24,980	-	24,980	17,352
Income from Investments	2c	3,733	-	3,733	585
Church activities	2d	5,948	-	5,948	4,347
Trading activities	2e	5,569	-	5,569	4,992
Other income	2f	623	-	623	-
TOTAL INCOME		131,155	11,000	142,155	112,326
Expenditure					
Cost of fundraising activities	3a	2,069	-	2,069	1,099
Church activities	3b	62,810	-	62,810	63,110
Church running expenses	3c	39,396	-	39,396	24,850
Cost of trading activities	3d	1,017	-	1,017	2,961
Major repairs to Churches	3e	5,364	7,680	13,044	-
Major repairs to other PCC Property	3f	-	-	-	-
New building work to Churches	3g	-	-	-	-
Other	3h	382	-	382	384
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		111,040	7,680	118,720	92,404
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)		20,115	3,320	23,435	19,921
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2024 (2023)		261,791	1,500	263,291	118,378
Sale of Stoney Stanton Church Hall	14	-	-	-	124,992
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2024 (2023)		281,906	4,820	286,726	263,291

The Parish of St Mary and St Michaels - Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	4,500	4,750
Cash at Bank & in hand		283,590	135,058
Sale of Stoney Stanton Church Hall	14	-	124,992
		288,090	264,800
Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due within one year	6	(1,363)	(1,509)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		286,726	263,291
Liabilities: Amount Falling Due after one year		-	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS		286,726	263,291
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted and designated	7	274,226	254,111
Restricted	7	12,500	9,180
		286,726	263,291

Approved by the Parochial Church Council
on 6 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Sheila Yates
Chair of the PCC

The notes in sections 1 to 14 form part of these accounts

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2019 preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), FRS102 and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts and all major accruals included. The presentation currency is GB pounds sterling. The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Funds

General 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. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. Restricted funds must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 7. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Income

Voluntary Income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Other ordinary income

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

Expenditure

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from Charities Act 2011.

Current assets

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at a bank.

Indemnity Insurance

The parish has centrally effected insurance to protect trustees and other voluntary workers

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

2 Income

Description	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Voluntary Giving	2a				
Regular giving		48,713	-	48,713	47,695
Collections at services		7,047	-	7,047	6,567
Donations and all other giving		6,249	11,000	17,249	6,224
Gift aid recoverable		25,348	-	25,348	18,422
Charity collections less paid to charities		67	-	67	-
Legacies received		-	-	-	-
Grants received		2,876	-	2,876	6,141
		90,300	11,000	101,300	85,049
Activities for generating funds	2b				
Fund Raising		23,313	-	23,313	15,880
Subscription draw & 100 club		1,667	-	1,667	1,472
		24,980	-	24,980	17,352
Income from Investments	2c				
Bank Interest		3,733	-	3,733	585
		3,733	-	3,733	585
Church activities	2d				
Fees retained by PCC		5,948	-	5,948	4,347
		5,948	-	5,948	4,347
Trading activities	2e				
Parish Magazine		1,483	-	1,483	991
Printing income		124	-	124	168
Hire of churches (mainly BA)		3,963	-	3,963	3,833
		5,569	-	5,569	4,992
Other income	2f				
Miscellaneous inc Nat West compensation		623	-	623	-
		623	-	623	-
TOTAL INCOME		131,155	11,000	142,155	112,326

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

3 Expenditure

Description	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Cost of fundraising activities	3a				
Hall hire and other event costs		1,594	-	1,594	559
100 club prizes		475	-	475	540
		2,069	-	2,069	1,099
Church activities	3b				
Mission and charity giving		486	-	486	493
Diocesan parish share contribution		52,000	-	52,000	52,000
Administrator costs		5,274	-	5,274	5,368
Organists & music		4,880	-	4,880	4,713
Clergy and staff expenses		170	-	170	537
		62,810	-	62,810	63,110
Church running expenses	3c				
Mission and evangelism - youth work		299	-	299	1,640
Insurances		9,867	-	9,867	9,822
Routine repairs & maintenance		18,449	-	18,449	6,130
Croft VAT refund		(1,999)	-	(1,999)	-
Insurance refund		-	-	-	(2,361)
Croft Lights		-	-	-	2,760
Parish running expenses		549	-	549	-
Altar requisites		616	-	616	452
Printing & stationery		386	-	386	203
Parish Telephone & Broadband		604	-	604	327
Bank charges		71	-	71	72
Midshire printer contract		278	-	278	431
Heat light & water		10,277	-	10,277	5,374
		39,396	-	39,396	24,850
Cost of trading activities	3d				
Stoney Stanton church hall costs		-	-	-	2,029
Parish Magazine costs		1,017	-	1,017	932
		1,017	-	1,017	2,961
Major repairs to church buildings	3e				
Quinquennial reports		-	-	-	-
Croft steeplejack & related professional fees		5,364	7,680	13,044	-
		5,364	-	13,044	-
Major repairs to other PCC property	3f				
		-	-	-	-
New building work to the churches	3g				
		-	-	-	-
Other Expenditure	3h				
Miscellaneous		382	-	382	384
		382	-	382	384
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		111,040	7,680	118,720	92,404

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

4 Payments to PCC Members

Members of the PCC were reimbursed for parish travelling and out of pocket expenses.

Clergy £ 170

No member of the PCC received any remuneration as members of the PCC.

5 Debtors

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
Tax Recoverable - BA	1,500	1,500
Tax Recoverable - Croft	1,500	2,050
Tax Recoverable - SS	1,500	1,200
	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,750</u>

6 Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due within one year

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
Assigned Fees - SS	-	321
Due to charities -SS	115	-
Parish Bank	1,248	1,188
	<u>1,363</u>	<u>1,509</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

7 Analysis of Net Assets by Funds

Description	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Current Assets	275,590	12,500	288,090	264,800
Current Liabilities	(1,363)	-	(1,363)	(1,509)
Fund Balance	274,226	12,500	286,726	263,291

The majority of the unrestricted fund balance is needed for working balances and essential works not yet contracted for to the fabric of the three churches.

See note 13

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Unrestricted funds:		
Broughton Astley	79,861	72,419
Croft	10,008	10,491
Stoney Stanton	182,732	44,952
Sale of Stoney Stanton Church Hall	-	124,992
Parish	1,627	1,257
	274,226	254,111

Restricted funds:

Broughton Astley	New Hymn Books	500	500
Broughton Astley	Servery	1,000	-
Stoney Stanton	Pew removal	1,000	1,000
Croft	Tower repairs	-	7,680
Stoney Stanton	Reordering	10,000	-
		12,500	9,180

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

8 Prior Year Items

2024	2023
£ NIL	£ NIL

9 Independent Examiner's Remuneration

The amount payable in respect of the independent examination

£ NIL	£ NIL
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10 Projects agreed by PCC and contracted for at 31st December 2024. To be completed in 2025.

Broughton Astley Served	1,000	-
Broughton Astley Window repairs	-	550
Stoney Stanton - Stained Glass Window	2,000	2,000

11 Projects agreed by PCC, for which Faculties have been received, but not yet contracted for at 31st December 2024.

Stoney Stanton window coverings in spire. Faculty not required	1,152	-
Croft Tower £11,050 + £2,210 VAT	-	13,260

Application will be made for recovery of the VAT in the above costs under the Listed Places of Worship Scheme where applicable.

12 Projects supported by PCC at 31st December 2024 for which Faculties will be sought.

Broughton Astley CCTV	-	5,615
Stoney Stanton reordering. Approximate cost	200,000	-
Croft Clock	-	1,320

13 Quinquennial Inspections and Architect's Reports

The quinquennial inspections for the 3 churches took place during 2021 by Peter Rogan Associates Conservation Architect.

Quinquennial cost estimates

Broughton Astley - mainly roof repairs	120,000	95,000
Stoney Stanton	-	20,000
Croft	-	2,500

14 Freehold Land and Buildings

Church Hall and Land at Church Street Stoney Stanton

The Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance is registered with the Land Registry as Proprietor and is Custodian Trustee. The PCC is the Managing Trustee and holds and manages the Church Hall and Land for the benefit of St Michael's Church Stoney Stanton.

The Church Hall and Land was sold on 20th December 2023.

The net proceeds of £124,992 were received by the Parish on 9 February 2024.

The Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The Council's Duties, Responsibility, and Authority

The Council is required by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, to co-operate with the Priest in Charge in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and economic.

The Council for practical reasons delegates management of funds raised by and maintained by each church to that church's District Church Council. The Council in law has ownership of all funds (subject to any donor made restrictions) and each District Church Council. is accountable to the Council for them. The policy of the Council is to regard the funds managed by each District Church Council as designated to the church of that DCC.

Location of Churches

St Mary the Virgin - Broughton Astley
St Michael and All Angels - Croft
St Michael - Stoney Stanton

Address for Correspondence

Paula Atkinson
PCC Secretary
16 Burrough Way
Lutterworth LE17 4GJ

Council Organisation

The PCC normally meets at least once a quarter, the meetings being held at each church in turn or by online ZOOM. Objectives are to consider and conduct day to day parish management, set goals, visions and Parish policy. The PCC deals with the legal requirements of the Church and considers items referred to it by individual District Church Councils. Items are also referred to DCCs as required.

Bankers

Croft and Stoney Stanton use National Westminster Bank.
Broughton Astley uses Santander Bank.
The Parish uses Unity Trust and Santander Banks.

Independent Examiner

David Rupp FCCA
10 Crowfoot Way
Broughton Astley
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The summary of activities and review of the year are set out in the Annual Report presented to the Parish AGM by the PCC. Copies are available from the PCC Secretary.

Signed on behalf of the PCC

Chair of the PCC

Date signed

The Parish of St Mary and St Michaels - Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton

Membership of the Parochial Church Council during the Year Ended 31 December 2024 and as at 6 May 2025

PCC members are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020 and the Scheme of the Parish.

Ex-Officio

Licensed Clergy

Chair of the PCC

Reverend Pauline Cummins until 31 August 2024

Chair of the PCC from

1st September 2024 Sheila Yates

Churchwardens

John Bass

Colin Atkinson

Rachel Smith

Paul Lawrence

Mike Wootton from 7 May 2024

Claire Jordan from 7 May 2024

Readers' Representative

Peter Yates

Licensed Layworkers' Representative - vacant

Deanery Synod Reps elected at APCM on 7 May 2024 for 3 years

Margie Brimacombe & Claire Jordan

Elected at Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7 May 2024

Steve Windram BA

Sheila Yates BA

Lester Halling Croft

Jeremy Davis Croft

Margie Brimacombe SS

Safeguarding Officer

Peter Yates

Vice Chair of the PCC

Sheila Yates
until 31 August 2024

Secretary of the PCC

Paula Atkinson

Treasurer of the PCC

Barbara Bedford

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary and St Michaels, Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations and has since been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Rupp, FCCA
10 Crowfoot Way,
Broughton Astley
LEICS LE9 6WR

Gth May
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