



Registered Charity No: 1134782

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)
Of
ST LUKE, THE EVANGELIST, GRIMETHORPE
With
ST PAUL, THE APOSTLE, BRIERLEY

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

St Luke's Church is situated in the village of Grimethorpe in Barnsley, South Yorkshire. St Paul's Church is situated in the village of Brierley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire. The Parish was historically part of the Diocese of Wakefield, within the Church of England. In 2014, Wakefield was one of three Dioceses, which merged to become the new Diocese of Leeds, in which the Parish is now situated. From the 1st of November 2021 the parish became part of the Priory Benefice within the Pontefract Deanery along with the parishes of St James the Great, Ryhill and All Saints, South Kirkby.

Registered Address: The Vicarage
7 St Luke's Road, Grimethorpe
Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S72 7FN

PCC Members:

For the period 01/01/2024 until the date of approval for this report, the following people served as PCC members:

Vicar:

The Revd Canon Paul Cartwright –*Chair*

Priest Missioner:

Fr Thomas Bates-Bourne (until 5 May 2024)
Post Vacant from May 2025

Wardens: Mr Bryan Danforth
Mrs Sharon Curphey

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mrs Beryl Sargesson (resigned 21st April 2024)
Mr Bryan Danforth (elected 21st April 2024)
Mr Ian Dransfield (elected 20th June 2024)

Elected members:

Mrs Sharon Curphey	- <i>Electoral Roll Officer; Vice-Chair</i>
Mrs Paula Rhodes	- <i>Secretary</i>
Ms Donna Carman	
Ms Kaley Carman	
Mrs Diane Findlay	
Mrs Betty Richardson	
Mrs Beverley Kenworthy	
Mrs Sandra Briggs	
Mr Bryan Danforth –	<i>Treasurer</i>

Other Parish Officers:

Mrs Claire Williamson -*Safeguarding Officer*

Bankers: HSBC
5 Market Hill, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 2PY

Independent Examiner: Mrs Stephanie Tolson
BCVS Services Limited
23 Queens Road, Barnsley, S71 1AN

Inspecting Architect: Mr Jamie Holden
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The Danesmead Wing
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Day to day management of the Church is exercised by the Vicar, the Associate Priest and Churchwardens, contactable via the Vicarage on 01226 107705.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

St Luke's Grimethorpe with St Paul's Brierley PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules.

In 2009, the PCC applied to the Charity Commission to register as a charity and this process was successfully completed in March 2010 (Charity registration number 1134782).

On the 3rd September 2019, the parishes of St Luke's Church, Grimethorpe with St Paul's Church, Brierley, All Saints' Church, South Kirkby and St James the Great, Ryhill with Havercroft, Winterset & Cold Hiendley began a new working partnership, with The Revd Canon Paul Cartwright appointed as Parish Priest. These parishes encompass the Deaneries of Barnsley, Pontefract and Wakefield. Each Parish has its own PCC and keeps its own accounts. As of 1st November 2021, the parishes were recognised as the Priory Benefice and became part of the Pontefract Deanery. The Revd. Canon Paul Cartwright was appointed the vicar. The clergy team includes:

- Fr Tom Bates-Bourne (until 5th May 2024)
- Associate Priest Fr Jonathan Fleury (until 9th September 2024)
- Assistant Curate Fr Mark Burns
- Assistant Curate Revd. Michael Scholey (ordained priest on 22nd June 2024)
- Hon. Deacon June Crossland
- Deacon Revd. Dr Simon Fern (appointed 6th September 2024).

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Induction training is available to PCC members, including trustee responsibilities.

The PCC met in person on 6 formal occasions 2024.

The PCC operates one sub-committee – the standing-committee: membership comprises The Vicar, Associate Priest, Churchwardens, Vice-Chair of the PCC, PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer.

Risk Assessments

To identify their major risks, the PCC undertakes a programme of risk assessments. Procedures are then put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church. Action in the main areas of risk has been taken as follows.

Financial Risk

An annual budget is prepared to ensure short term viability. Actual results compared with budget are reported to the PCC quarterly. All assets are insured and levels reviewed annually and approved by the PCC. The PCC has approved internal controls for annual accounts, cash and cheque handling.

Health and Safety

A full review was undertaken by the Vicar and Churchwardens in 2014, as a result of which a new Health and Safety Policy was written and adopted by the PCC. This policy, along with all Health and Safety procedures, was reviewed in 2024 and will next be reviewed in 2026. Risk Assessments using Diocesan guidelines, were put in place for safe working during the pandemic.

Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection

The Parish's Safeguarding Policies were reviewed during 2019. The PCC has ensured that volunteers have been formally checked under safeguarding rules where necessary.

All formal risk assessments are listed within the PCC's Risk Register and are reviewed annually.

Aims and Purposes

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, the Associate Priest and Churchwardens in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

At St Luke's and St Paul's our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, both through the word and our deeds to love the Lord our God, to love our neighbours and love each other in our fellowship.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how the services and buildings can involve as many groups as possible and individuals who live in the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

The PCC also seeks opportunities and encourages the use of all Church Buildings for Community events which do not involve worship, and which promote wellbeing and Community Cohesion. When planning our activities for the year, the PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

Our objectives for 2024 were to provide the following public benefits:

To Love the Lord our God, by:

- Continuing to offer regular public worship open to all.
- Reviewing our pattern of daily and weekly worship to ensure that it remains viable in the future, and attractive and welcoming to newcomers.
- Continuing the provision of time and space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- Maintaining and improving our buildings to the best of our ability and making the most of the opportunities offered by the flexible spaces at both churches, whilst also considering how to make the most of the buildings for congregation and community. This includes continuing the Place of Welcome initiatives at each church in partnership with AgeUK and other agencies.
- Acknowledging our responsibilities to the wider church by striving to increase our Parish Share.
- Continuing to explore the renewal of the current kitchen and toilet facilities at St Luke's as well as work to achieve Eco-Church status. Part of this work will include improving the access to the Church building for those with disabilities. We are also hoping to move towards the Church of England's target of being Carbon Net Neutral by 2030 by introducing LED lighting.
- Supporting the work of others within the benefice.
- Continue to provide opportunities for all age groups to grow in faith and understanding, including the development and growth of the children's church group.

To love our neighbour, by:

- Continuing pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Offering a Requiem service for those whose loved ones have died and whose loved ones chose a direct funeral without a service.
- Continuing developing the links with the worshipping community within the Dearnvale Complex Needs Care home.
- Seeking opportunities to develop the use of both St Paul's and St Luke's by community groups for non-worship activities.
- Continuing and developing our close links with Brierley Church of England School; and continuing regular visits and Collective Worship in the other schools within the parish.
- Continuing the promotion of Christianity through the staging of teaching courses.
- Continuing to promote the whole mission of the Church through provision of various events and activities throughout the year.
- Continuing to support the foodbank at Cudworth.
- Continuing to support other charities locally, within the UK and overseas through our mission giving.
- Continuing to seek ways in which our buildings can be used by our communities to improve wellbeing and Community Cohesion.

To love each other, by:

- Continuing the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- Praying for and working towards unity within our parish and between our churches.
- Continuing to implement a diary of social and fundraising activities.
- Introducing nurture courses for those who want to learn more about the Christian faith.

In 2024 we:

- Continued regular public worship, with at least 3 services per week in normal circumstances in the parish with accessibility to services elsewhere in the Benefice.
- Provided time and space for personal prayer and contemplation, with both churches open for at least 30 minutes before each service, and after services when possible.
- Continued pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Continued to provide frequent Collective Worship in Brierley Church of England School (fortnightly on average) and visits to and from the two other primary schools in the Parish.
- Continued to support charities in the UK and overseas through our mission giving.
- Continued to support the foodbank at Cudworth.
- Opened a foodbank hub, manned by volunteers, at St Luke's on Wednesdays in conjunction with the Warm Place of Welcome.
- Held several social events in conjunction with the Grimethorpe residents' group.
- Developed links with local community groups.
- Provided a community space for local project groups to meet, working in partnership with local Universities and local Councils.
- Held several fundraising events for church funds (fairs and other events) and held several fairs/table top events as well as an Easter, Autumn and Christmas Fair with Grimethorpe Residents Group.

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- Facilitated and supported the weekly AgeUK lunches at St Paul's, Brierley
- Continued to provide refreshments after Sunday mass at St Paul's and St. Luke's Church.
- Continued to provide a weekly Place of Welcome at St Luke's providing a weekly free lunch at St Luke's, for more than 30 people a week.
- Held Messy Church events six times in the year as part of our Mission to young people.
- Continued to develop a more flexible space.
- Provided the opportunity for people to come together to improve their mental health and begin an Eco-Church project.
- Continued to provide organ music for services.
- Had the Bell Loft cleaned of bird lime, in preparation to restore the bell.
- Facilitated rehearsal space at St Luke's for the Grimethorpe Colliery Band, which at times was also open to the public to celebrate music performance.
- Provided meeting space for the charity DIAL at both churches, which provides one to one disability support advice.

Achievements and Performance

Including review of charitable achievements against objectives

The PCC is satisfied with the achievements against objectives set out in the previous section.

The following section highlights the main areas of activity and performance:

Worship and Prayer

All are welcome to attend the regular services. At present there are 50 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The average weekly attendance at Sunday Mass (across both churches under normal circumstances) was 30.

As well as our regular services, we enable the community to celebrate and thank God at various milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life and make candidates members of the Church of God. In marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing. At funeral services, family and friends express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and commend the departed into God's keeping.

In 2024 there were 12 baptisms, 3 weddings and 20 funerals.

Deanery Synod

A member of the PCC and the Parish Priest sit on the Pontefract Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. As of the 21st of April 2024, Bryan Danforth was elected to attend as representative on the Deanery Synod, and Ian Dransfield was elected on 20th June 2024.

The Vicar and members of the clergy team have made regular visits to, or contacted, sick and bereaved members of the community, those unable to attend church, and others for various reasons as requested, following government guidelines and advice from the Diocese. A licensed and trained member of the congregation serves as a Eucharistic minister, taking the Sacrament to individual homes when needed and assisting the Priest when required. The Vicar or a clergy team member has visited residential and nursing homes in the parish upon request.

The church's involvement in social activities has grown. It hosted an Easter table top sale, participated in the Grimethorpe Summer Fair providing refreshments, held a Heritage Open Day with history displays and a guidebook, organised a Macmillan Coffee Morning for charity, and cooperated with the residents' group for a Christmas Fair to support church funds. The church has been used for the resident's group as a venue for their meetings.

The church served as a venue for open rehearsals by the Grimethorpe Colliery band and hosted a consultation event about the proposed solar farm.

The Remembrance Day service and Miners' Memorial Reunion were well attended. The Wednesday@St Luke's event, part of our 'Places of Welcome' initiative, also saw good attendance. The Tuesday Open Place Club at St Paul's Brierley, run with AgeUK, is popular as well, but there is a nominal charge for refreshments, so it cannot be labelled as a Place of Welcome event.

Christmas trees with lights were set up outside St Luke's and St Paul's Brierley by Barnsley MBC. Community carol singing events, organized by the churches and resident groups and supported by the North-East Ward Alliance, took place at each church. St Luke's hosted six Messy Church events, and both churches held Christingle Services, which were well attended. Collections from these services were donated to the Children's Society.

The Clergy team can refer parishioners to the food bank during times of exceptional need, and we also donate to the food bank. In 2024, our parishioners have generously supported this cause. This is a key part of our charitable giving and community service, highlighted during our harvest offering. The Foodbank Hub, staffed by volunteers, operates at St Luke's on Wednesdays.

Youth and Children's Work

The play area at St Luke's is well used, as is the play area at St Paul's. All are welcome to make use of them under parental supervision. A children's Sunday School group take place during the worship at both churches on Sundays. Resources have been purchased to support those leading the group.

Our links with Brierley School, remain strong, to our mutual benefit. Children from the Church school and the schools in Grimethorpe have been able to visit church and have their own services. The Vicar and, the Priest Missioner (until May 2024), serve on the Governing body. The Vicar has continued to provide support in his role as Chair of Governors. Mrs Benson, the headteacher, is keen to continue the strong ties the school has with the Church, and these links have been strengthened by the Vicar and the clergy team.

Several schools and nursery groups visited both churches to explore the buildings and learn about Christianity. The Vicar and other members of the clergy team also visited schools and nurseries in the parish. The local nursery held their Christmas concert at St Luke's, which was well attended. The Christingle Service attracted many families, and children from Milefield School and Ladywood School participated in their own Christingle Service at the church.

Church Buildings

The bell tower has been opened, cleaned, and secured to prevent infestation. The bell housing was inspected for recommissioning. Gutters at St Paul's were cleared. Gas heaters at St Luke's and the boiler at St Paul's have been serviced. The fire extinguisher servicing was completed at both sites.

Finance, Giving and Fundraising

The financial situation remains challenging. We are substantially behind with our Parish Share payments to the Diocese of Leeds. These are voluntary payments (at a level set by the Diocese) which contribute towards the overall cost of ministry, both in our own and other parishes. Morally, the Parish Share is the material way in which each Parish recognises that it is a part of a greater whole – i.e., the Universal Church – with reciprocal responsibilities to brothers and sisters in Christ across the Diocese and beyond. We have a commitment to, when possible, increasing our payments each year, we achieved this in 2024.

Regular giving income and overall income increased in 2024 compared to 2023, mainly due to planned giving and donations. Fundraising activities were less frequent than in 2023, and income from events, funerals, and weddings decreased slightly. The number of people giving via weekly envelope and monthly bank payments also saw a slight decline, with 24 regular givers in 2024.

We are grateful to those who give generously and sacrificially. At the moment we are able to meet all our outgoings and pay for essential repairs, however we are not able to meet our Parish Share quota. We have maintained our level of reserves.

The PCC authorised the allocation of at least 5% of the income of the church (direct giving and unrestricted donations) for distribution to other charitable organisations. The main donations made by the PCC in 2024 were to Compassion UK, who support children in Africa and Asia, to the Additional Curates' Society – who assist in enabling curates to work in poor parishes in the UK. In addition, donations were made to The Royal British Legion, and The Children's Society. We held a Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise funds for this charity.

Financial Review

The financial statements are set out in pages 13 to 20. Total income for the year was £40,639 (2023: £38,260). Total funds at the year-end stand at £24,214 (2023: £19,241).

Main sources of income were from planned giving, by our members of £7,005, Collections of £3,132, PCC Fees of £3,580, General Donations of £11,332, Fund-raising of £4,239, Gift Aid reclaim of £5,480 and grants for specific purposes of £3,750.

We contributed £4,650 towards the Parish Share Payment to the Diocese of Leeds which was an increase on 2023.

Reserves Policy

At the end of 2024, the level of the Reserve Fund stands at £5,229 which is in line with the agreed policy on reserves.

Factors relevant to the achievement of our stated objectives

The Priory Benefice, covering 3 parishes and 4 churches, includes a Parish Priest (Vicar from 1/11/2021), an Associate Priest (vacant from April 2024), a stipendiary assistant curate, two SSM associate priests, and one deacon. The efforts of the clergy team, Churchwardens, PCC, and dedicated volunteers have been crucial in achieving the 2024 objectives.

We have a regular organist, Jon Findlay, who plays for services at both churches. The organist receives an honorarium of £50 per month to cover expenses and materials and act as a retainer for his services.

Plans for the future

In 2025 we intend:

To Love the Lord our God, by:

- Continuing to offer regular public worship open to all.
- Reviewing our pattern of daily and weekly worship to ensure that it remains viable in the future, and attractive and welcoming to newcomers.
- To assess and examine the potential of St Paul's at Brierley as a worship site and its utilisation by the wider community.
- Continuing the provision of time and space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- Maintaining and improving our buildings to the best of our ability and making the most of the opportunities offered by the flexible spaces at both churches, whilst also considering how to make the most of the buildings for congregation and community. This includes continuing the Place of Welcome initiatives at each church in partnership with AgeUK at St Paul's, Brierley, and other agencies.
- Acknowledging our responsibilities to the wider church by striving to increase our Parish Share.
- Continuing to explore the renewal of the current kitchen and toilet facilities at St Luke's as well as work to achieve Eco-Church status. Part of this work will include improving the access to the Church building for those with disabilities. We are also hoping to move towards the Church of England's target of being Carbon Net Neutral by 2030 by introducing LED lighting at St Luke's.
- To explore methods and funding to restore the organ at St Luke's to full functionality.
- Supporting the work of others within the benefice.
- Continuing to provide opportunities for all age groups to grow in faith and understanding, including the development and growth of the children's church group.
- To continue holding Messy Church events at least 6 times a year and develop a team to plan and lead the sessions.
- To use St Paul's at Brierley as a base for Messy Church to be more accessible to pupils of the church school.

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To love our neighbour, by:

- Continuing pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Offering a Requiem service for those whose loved ones have died and whose loved ones chose a direct funeral without a service.
- Continuing developing the links with the worshipping community within the Dearnvale Complex Needs Care home.
- Seeking opportunities to develop the use of both St Paul's and St Luke's by community groups for non-worship activities.
- Continuing and developing our close links with Brierley Church of England School; and continuing regular visits and Collective Worship in the other schools within the parish.
- Offering Confirmation classes to children at Brierley School as well as to others who live in the Parish.
- Continuing the promotion of Christianity through the staging of teaching courses.
- Continuing to promote the whole mission of the Church through provision of various events and activities throughout the year.
- Continuing to support the foodbank at Cudworth.
- Continuing to provide the foodbank hub at St Luke's.
- Continuing to support other charities locally, within the UK and overseas through our mission giving.
- Continuing to seek ways in which our buildings can be used by our communities to improve wellbeing and Community Cohesion.
- To use social media and websites to inform the community and congregation of events at the churches.

To love each other, by:

- Continuing the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- Praying for and working towards unity within our parish and between our churches.
- Continuing to implement a diary of social and fundraising activities.
- Introducing nurture courses for those who want to learn more about the Christian faith.

Members of the PCC declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the PCC:

Signed 

Date: 10 March 2025

Fr Paul Cartwright, Chair of the PCC

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 13 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed  Dated: 10 March 2025

Steph Tolson
Community Accountant
BCVS Services Limited
23 Queens Road
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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds	2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Regular Giving	2a	15,460	157	15,617	14,182
Grants	2b	-	3,750	3,750	5,960
Donations/appeals	2c	3,814	7,518	11,332	9,363
Other Voluntary Receipts	2d	-	-	-	-
Receipts from activities for generating funds	2e	3,959	280	4,239	4,920
Receipts from Church activities	2f	4,340	675	5,015	3,543
Receipts from investments	2g	386	-	386	199
Other receipts	2h	300	-	300	93
Total Receipts		28,259	12,380	40,639	38,260
Payments					
Fundraising costs	3a	235	-	235	1,527
Church activities	3b	26,181	8,650	34,831	40,329
Governance costs	3c	600	-	600	525
Major works	3d	-	-	-	-
Other payments	3e	-	-	-	3,030
Total Payments		27,016	8,650	35,666	45,411
Excess of receipts over payments		1,243	3,730	4,973	(7,151)
Transfers between funds	11	212	(212)	-	-
Net movement in funds		1,455	3,518	4,973	(7,151)
Total funds brought forward	10	12,488	6,753	19,241	26,392
Total funds carried forward	10	13,943	10,271	24,214	19,241

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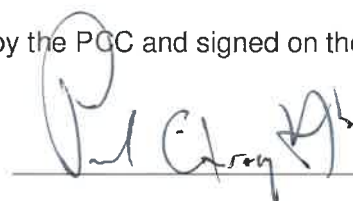
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Monetary Assets			
Bank Current Account		4,049	5,245
Bank Project Account		14,936	8,867
Bank Deposit Account		5,229	5,129
Petty Cash		-	-
Total	8	<u>24,214</u>	<u>19,241</u>
Liabilities			
Accountancy fee		650	600
Total	7	<u>650</u>	<u>600</u>

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by:

Signed:



Date: 10 March 2025

Fr Paul Cartwright, Chair of the PCC

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations, using the Receipts & Payments basis, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the requirements of the Charity Commission.

Receipts & Payments Accounts

Receipts & Payments Accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context 'cash' includes cash equivalents, for example bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

Funds Structure

Unrestricted funds

Represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the members in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds

Those funds that have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and which may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission is given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding.

Designated funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The PCC have established a designated project fund for planned future project spend.

Endowment funds

The PCC has no endowment funds at the present time.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised when they are receivable and are accounted for gross.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

2. Analysis of Receipts

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 £
2a Regular Giving				
Planned Giving	7,005	-	7,005	6,992
Collections	2,975	157	3,132	3,049
Tax Recovered (Gift Aid)	5,480	-	5,480	4,141
Total	15,460	157	15,617	14,182
Other Voluntary Receipts				
2b Grants	-	3,750	3,750	5,960
2c Donations/appeals	3,814	7,518	11,332	9,363
2d Other voluntary receipts	-	-	-	-
Total	3,814	11,268	15,082	15,323
2e Receipts from Activities for Generating Funds				
Fundraising	3,959	280	4,239	4,920
Total	3,959	280	4,239	4,920
2f Receipts from Church Activities				
PCC fees	2,905	675	3,580	3,243
Use of facilities	1,435	-	1,435	300
Total	4,340	675	5,015	3,543
2g Receipts from investments				
Bank interest	386	-	386	199
2h Other receipts				
Refunds & miscellaneous	300	-	300	93
Total	300	-	300	93
Total Receipts	28,259	12,380	40,639	38,260

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. Analysis of Payments

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 £
3a Fundraising Costs				
Stewardship envelopes	110	-	110	102
Other fundraising costs	125	-	125	1,425
Total	235	-	235	1,527
3b Cost of Church Activities				
Missionary & charitable giving	739	619	1,358	1,103
Diocesan parish share	4,650	-	4,650	4,550
Working expenses of clergy	-	2,558	2,558	3,408
Heating, Lighting & cleaning	6,597	701	7,298	11,259
Insurance	6,139	-	6,139	5,675
Other running costs	585	382	967	1,721
Church maintenance & fire protection	1,120	-	1,120	210
Waste collection	747	-	747	694
Church equipment	314	500	814	4,923
Upkeep of services	2,792	-	2,792	3,016
Repairs, refurbishment & decoration	-	2,615	2,615	3,044
Support costs	123	-	123	10
Education, training & mission	1,663	850	2,513	179
Website	-	-	-	250
Other payments	712	425	1,137	287
Total	26,181	8,650	34,831	40,329
3c Governance Costs				
Accountancy fee	600	-	600	525
	600	-	600	525
3d Major Works				
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
3e Other Payments				
Pilgrimage/trips	-	-	-	-
Energy grants to other parishes	-	-	-	3,030
Total	-	-	-	3,030
Total Payments	27,016	8,650	35,666	45,411

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4. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

During the year clergy working and travel expenses of £59 were reimbursed to Fr Paul Cartwright (2023: £552), £2,001 to Fr Thomas Bates-Bourne (2023: £2,439), £86 to Fr Mark Burns and £412 to Fr Michael Scholey.

The above payments are permitted within the Church Representation Rules. Other than reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of the PCC there were no further payments, remuneration or benefits made to members during the year.

5. Related party transactions

No payments were made to any persons closely connected to the members of the PCC or to any related parties.

6. Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10 (2) of the Charities Act 2011.

All equipment is on rental and therefore is not included in the Statement of Assets & Liabilities.

7. Creditors & Accruals

	2024	2023
Accountancy fee	<u>£650</u>	<u>£600</u>

8. Bank Reconciliation

	HSBC Current A/C £	HSBC Project A/C £	HSBC Reserve A/C	Petty Cash £	Total £
Balance as @ 31.12.2024	4,049.39	14,936.20	5,228.96	-	24,214.55
Less unrepresented cheques	-	-	-	-	-
Add uncleared income	-	-	-	-	-
Less funds held as agent (<i>note 13</i>)	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>4,049.39</u>	<u>14,936.20</u>	<u>5,228.96</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,214.55</u>

9. Common Fund liability (Parish Share)

In 2016 the PCC made the decision not to include the Common Fund liability in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The Parish Share is not a legally enforceable liability and it is no longer considered probable that outstanding amounts will be cleared.

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10. Movements in funds

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	7,359	28,159	(27,016)	212	8,714
General Reserve	5,129	100	-	-	5,229
	<u>12,488</u>	<u>28,259</u>	<u>(27,016)</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>13,943</u>
Restricted funds					
Ward Alliance Warm Welcome grant	-	500	(46)	-	454
Ward Alliance cooker grant	-	500	(500)	-	-
Vestry Refurbishment Grant	2,100	-	-	-	2,100
Wedding deposit	-	675	-	-	675
Emergency Fuel Grant	20	-	-	(20)	-
Collection for Father T Bates Bourne	-	425	(425)	-	-
St Paul's Afternoon Club Fund	71	-	-	-	71
Additional Curates Society Lent Boxes	-	23	(23)	-	-
Children's Society	139	-	(139)	-	-
Donation to the Bells Fund	-	7,000	(2,615)	-	4,385
Donation in Memory of John Wallis	1,000	-	(850)	-	150
ACS Grant for Clergy Expenses	-	2,750	(2,558)	(192)	-
Thanksgiving Donation	1,820	-	-	-	1,820
Grimethorpe Residents Bell Fund	566	-	-	-	566
South Yorkshire Community Foundation	1,037	-	(1,037)	-	-
Donation towards lawnmower	-	50	-	-	50
Collection for Remembrance Sunday	-	157	(157)	-	-
Collection for Macmillan	-	300	(300)	-	-
	<u>6,753</u>	<u>12,380</u>	<u>(8,650)</u>	<u>(212)</u>	<u>10,271</u>
Total Funds	<u>19,241</u>	<u>40,639</u>	<u>(35,666)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,214</u>

11. Funds Transfers

Small balances on restricted donations were transferred to the General Fund at the year end.

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12. Restricted Funds

- Vestry Refurbishment – a grant awarded from the Leeds Diocesan Family Fund to contribute to the cost of refurbishing the vestry at St Luke's Church.
- Emergency Fuel Grant – a grant from the Leeds Diocese to help with the impact of increased gas and electricity bills.
- St Paul's Afternoon Club – balance of funding received from the North East Area Ward Alliance to contribute towards setting up the Afternoon Club.
- South Yorkshire Community Foundation (SYCF) – Cost of living grant for a project to provide a warm community space with refreshments and activities and for the space to act as a spoke for the Barnsley Food Bank.
- Thanksgiving Donation, a donation from Father T Bates-Bourne toward Bell loft cleaning.
- Additional Curates Society (ACS) grant for the curacy of Father Tom Bates-Bourne.
- Ward Alliance – two grants were received towards the Warm Welcome group, one towards the running of the group and the other to purchase a cooker.
- Other restricted funds have arisen from collections and donations for nominated charities or causes.

13. Funds held as agent

During the year, the PCC received fees for the services of the vergers and the organist at funerals and also clergy travel expenses for attendance at funerals. The fees are not the legal property of the church and are accounted for separately, with the PCC acting as agent for the receipt and payment of the funds.

Where the PCC is acting as agent, the transactions are not recognised in the Receipts and Payments Account. Funds due to third parties at the year end are itemised below.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Clergy expenses	-	51
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>51</u>