

2024

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report



The Ecclesiastical Parish of Durrington
in the Diocese of Chichester
Charity Registration Number 1134809

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of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of DURRINGTON

St Symphorian

St Symphorian's Church, Durrington Hill, BN13 2PU

Registered Charity no.1134809

For the year ended 31st December 2024

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Independent examiner: Andrew Carter ACMA
Financial Director, CKC Controls Ltd

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Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA)
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St Symphorian's Church, Durrington

Trustees Annual Report for 2024

Our aims and purposes as a charity

Durrington Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar, Fr Paul Nash, (from 5th June 2024), in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Symphorian's Church and the Parish Centre.

We are also responsible for our property in Vancouver Close, which is privately let.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, the PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

For 2024 we planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small group situations
- Promoting the gospel and assisting people from all walks of life to find life in Jesus Christ
- Providing pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish
- Giving in accordance with our charitable objectives
- Reaching out to the wider community through social events and activities
- Maintaining the fabric of the church and the Parish Centre as a place of worship and for the community to enjoy.

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary; visitors attend by personal choice, and it is a great pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We can attest that the voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities. St Symphorian's was in vacancy from 26th November 2023 until 5th June 2024, but thanks to the churchwardens, the PCC

and our retired clergy the worship and witness continued successfully. Fr. Paul Nash was licensed on 5th June 2024, on a part-time basis.

Over the course of the year we had an average regular congregation of 60 people attending Sunday Mass and public worship. Visitors and new worshippers are always given a warm welcome which is often commented upon.

We look to encourage the deepening of faith for all ages, and, alongside the provision of the Mass, there is a programme of worship for young people which includes children's church, craft mornings with a regular Pram and Toddler Group open to all in the community. We have also had parade mass for the First Durrington Scouts together with local Brownies, Guides and Rangers which is well attended and creates an opportunity for families who do not normally attend a church service to interact with the regular congregation.

"I love the style of worship at St Symphorian's and I love contributing where I can" J

The 2024 Lent course was held twice weekly to give the opportunity of all to attend, aiming to encourage discussion and a deeper understanding of our beliefs by looking at the experiences of others. Stations of the Cross were also offered every week during Lent.

The Holy Week and Easter liturgies were observed with good numbers in the congregations.

Over our Easter Celebrations we had 92 people attending what is a joyous time of the year and also the children were involved in maintaining the tomb and Easter Garden in the church.

Christmas is a very special time of celebration, and many sections of the community come together to join in the services. During Advent over 550 attendees came to our various services and concerts which included the Christingle service with contributions from our local Guiding Units. Turning Tides, the Alzheimer Society and two local school also held their individual carol services in the church.

Our traditional Carol Service and Christmas Eve Crib Service were well attended with over 226 people present. Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Mass were celebrated with congregations of 87 people.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

In 2024 there were no weddings; 4 funerals conducted for parishioners and 8 baptisms.

Nurture courses run in 2024 included the Diocesan Lent course based on the New Testament which stimulated much discussion. It allowed an enrichment of our faith and closer fellowship with each other. Following the weekly Stations of the Cross a Lent lunch was held. This, along with our Lenten giving raises money for a specific charity chosen each year.

The Annual pilgrimage to Walsingham took place in June with increased numbers. It was a joyful and moving time for all.

We often welcome individuals from an in-patient mental health unit situated within a 5-minute walk. They are made to feel a part of our community before moving back to their own homes.

Evangelism and Outreach

Our Summer and Christmas fairs were very successful and proved to be a good opportunity for outreach to the wider community. During the year the You Group, Book Club and the Pram and Toddler Group continued to meet in our church hall, together with other regular users.

"When I first came, I was recently bereaved and felt lost and lonely, but everyone helped me feel like part of a family" C

We have had a number of social and fundraising events including the Heritage and Ride and Stride weekend in September, and in

particular we have had full houses at the Ronnie Smith Big Band concerts. We also run several stalls and games at the annual Durrington Festival, a large community event held on the recreation ground next to the church. These events help to highlight our presence in the local community and bring in much needed funds.

Our Mission Action Plan continues to move forward albeit slowly and is being kept under review.

The links with two local non-church schools continue to strengthen encouraged by our Authorised Lay Minister. He has taken groups from The Laurels and Hawthorns Primary schools around the church and been instrumental in R. E. lessons in the church, as well as carol services.

In July a trip was taken to Münchberg in Germany with which we have a long-standing link. Seven members of the congregation went for a week and received wonderful hospitality and kindness from their hosts.

We have continued to produce the monthly parish magazine and endeavour to let as many people as possible have copies. A weekly mailshot is sent out to keep people apprised of what we are doing as well as Facebook and our website which gives access to the wider community.

The popular craft mornings are regularly held in the church with take away bags of the crafts also available should families prefer to take them home rather than work in the building. These craft mornings are attended by many families from the wider community who would rarely have any contact with the church, and it is encouraging to find that with these interactions we do raise an interest in our activities.

*"I really enjoy the singing group
and the choice of music here" T*

Provision of the church buildings for people to enjoy

Both the parish centre and the church are available for lettings. The parish centre has one of the largest halls available in the locality, together with a smaller hall. Both halls are used for a variety of events both our own and others from the area including our Pram & Toddler Group together with a number of regular hirers such as keep fit, martial arts, Rangers, Guides and bowling. The hall is a popular venue for birthday parties and celebrations including those held after a baptism in the church. The smaller hall has regular bookings of various support groups.

These activities do bring people from the wider community into our environment, and it is good to see people being able to socialise, enjoy themselves and be involved in activities and entertainment which is inexpensive or free. Having the opportunity for people of all walks to gather and meet socially provides an occasion to interact and get to know other members of the community and, for some, helps to combat issues such as loneliness and other problems. Some good friendships, both personal and with the parish, have also been formed over time.

The Church is also used for social gatherings. It is used regularly by a swing band for their rehearsals and concerts and is available for other events. During the year a monthly dementia friendly community choir meets in the church to sing and socialise. They are supported by volunteers from St Symphorian's. A joint dementia friendly choir concert with three local groups was held in the autumn, and a Christmas carol concert, followed by lunch in December. Once again this brings in members of the public who would never dream of coming into a church and finding that it is normal and welcoming.

Deanery Synod Report

Worthing Deanery Synod

There is now a Worthing Deanery Officer to support the Rural Dean which includes the role of Deanery Secretary. There were two meetings in 2024. At the May meeting there was a speaker from Christians Against Poverty; in September the speaker was Revd Earl Collins who gave a lively talk on the Year of Faith and the Nicene Creed. Every meeting is an opportunity for parishes to feedback on actions of earlier talks. e.g. Open The Book, CAP Job clubs, Eco Church.

Our own Matthew Thorpe was one of those elected for Diocesan Synod.

The WDO sends out a deanery newsletter - the September/ October issue included an article on our visit to our link parish Münchberg. The Worthing Deanery Facebook page shows News and Events. Some of our events have been promoted on this Facebook page.

Spatial reordering of the church buildings and future projects

During 2024 work started on demolishing the boiler house. At the end of 2024 a quinquennial report was undertaken on church.

Fundraising for the Big Build Project was increased during 2024 with regular coffee mornings as well as specific appeals such a '40 coins for 40 days of Lent' and the 'Change for Change' campaign. A Biffa Award grant for £ £62,923.00. was also secured for replacing the roof tiles on the main hall of the church hall as well as the installation insulation. This is a major step forward in this long project, with work on the roof planned to start early 2025.

*I really like coming here
to see all the lights and
candles and meet all the
lovely people.*

MF (Aged5)

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

Pastoral care and support is offered for all those living in the parish and the Clergy is assisted by the Ministers of Communion who take the sacrament regularly to those who are housebound or in hospital. Many members of the congregation regularly visit or telephone parishioners who have become unable to attend church either for a short while or long term.

Other charitable giving

During 2024 the PCC continued its support for charitable giving by restricting 10% of social and fundraising profit being donated to charity. In addition to supporting the Children's Society, Christian Aid, and Education Imara Charity, our Lent appeal raised funds for Medicine Sans Frontières whilst donations for harvest were donated to Turning Tides. The Pram and Toddler Group also raised funds for MacMillan and Children in Need while the 'You' Group donated to several charities from which they had speakers. The PCC also supported charities through allowing the free use of the church buildings. This would have equated to £3,653 of hire charges.

Financial Review

Incoming and outgoing resources

Total receipts on general unrestricted funds received were £81,723, a 2% increase from the previous year. The total expenditure on general unrestricted were £101,109 for the same period; a reduction of 1%. All income and expenditure are detailed in the Financial Report.

The planned giving through the Parish Giving Scheme, envelopes and banker's orders slightly decreased in 2024. Our total voluntary income including tax recovered, but excluding legacies, increased by 2%.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest single expenditure of the PCC in 2024 was the sum of £44,667 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. The parish continues to pay 85% of a reduced Parish Ministry Cost reflecting the part time role Fr Robert held and Fr Paul holds in the parish.

The total relates directly to the housing, support, stipend and pension costs of the clergy of this parish, training of new ordinands, a contribution to national church funds and shared costs of the Christian family throughout the whole diocese, including assistance towards the upkeep of churches less able to manage than ourselves.

Staff costs

The PCC pays for a Parish Administrator, a Premises Manager and an organist (until December 2024) as well as a vergers for weddings and funerals.

Further details are provided in the notes to the accounts.

Trustee payments and expenses

The PCC also supported the clergy by paying Council Tax of £782, water and environmental charges amounting to £279 for the Vicarage plus other annual costs towards travel, hospitality, telephone, postage and broadband amounting to £1,449. These costs were lower than the previous year due to the vacancy.

Five trustees received £4,899 for purchases made on behalf of the PCC.

There have been payments totalling £3,722.39 made to persons related to or connected to the trustees.

Repairs to the fabric of the church buildings

In accordance with the trust deed of the Sharp Fund, the PCC has used the interest from the capital investment to improve the church building. During 2023 permission was granted to demolish the old boiler house situated on the north side of the vestry. This project was undertaken in 2024 using the interest from the Sharp Investments

Life at St Symphorian's Church can be busy, exciting, supportive and peaceful. Everything you find and need from a family. J

The state of the Parish Centre continues to be of concern. Funds have been secured to replace the roof tiles on the main hall including the installation of insulation.

During 2024 Vancouver Close has been rented. There have been no repairs required during this period, although the regular maintenance has been undertaken.

Why we hold some money in reserve?

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds (excluding property) which equates to approximately two months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen situations. The closing balance of £34,735 this year did achieve this, expect to have sufficient cash flow to continue to pay bills when they fall due.

It is PCC policy to invest temporarily surplus general funds with the CAF Gold account, returning proportionately these funds to our current account, as they are needed, to pay day-to-day bills. This year £20,429 was invested temporarily as at 31st December.

As well as holding the above general reserves, from time to time the PCC receives restricted legacies for expenditure on restricted purposes, defined by the donor. We aim to expend such money as soon as possible after receiving the legacy, depending on the specific objectives of the donor. Where we have identified that the specific purpose can only be achieved by delaying the expenditure, we invest the legacy temporarily until the need for expenditure is identified.

Management of risks and their mitigation

The PCC has an ongoing task of reviewing the major risks which impact on the work of the church in the parish. The usual PAT testing and fire extinguisher checks have been carried out. Much work has been carried out in 2024 for the management of risk and their mitigation. In particular:

- The demolition of the boiler house has removed the unauthorised access to a remote area of the church as well as making access to the church roof harder.

However, the PCC still needs to consider that the principal risks and uncertainties are:

- The need to fund unexpected costs associated with the Parish Centre due to its deteriorating condition.
- An unexpected fall in income, particularly given the dependence of the church on a limited number of major regular donors and the reduction in regular hall lettings and occasional hirers.
- The requirement to find volunteers with the appropriate skills, time and commitment to support the ministry of the congregation.
- Reliance upon the Diocese to continue to provide financial support whilst we work towards paying our full Parish Share for clergy ministry.

The PCC seeks to manage these risks and uncertainties by regularly reviewing its Mission Action Plan and its plans for the use of the church buildings. We aim to maintain our properties to a high standard and carry out the priority items of a quinquennial review in a timely manner.

Stewardship is regularly highlighted to emphasise God's generosity to the congregation and encourage the congregation to respond to that generosity in their giving through time, talents and money, as they are able. In September 2024, a stewardship campaign was undertaken. Although there were a number of generous pledges made during from the stewardship campaign, the nett result is a forecasted reduction in planned giving in the coming year due to the movement of parishioners. It is therefore imperative that the PCC aims to diversify sources income. Specifically, the PCC should increase lettings of the hall through more effective hiring of the church buildings to external parties once the re-ordering has taken place.

Future uncertainties

The continued increase in the cost of living is of major concern to the PCC. Increased prices, coupled with parishioners' own financial circumstances being squeezed, means that giving for the coming year may be uncertain. It is hoped that as work is undertaken on the church hall, the facility will have a greater appeal to the local community and hence be hired for increased number of regular hirers in addition to the party bookings.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent:	The Revd Dr Paul Nash	(from June 2024)
Churchwardens:	Mr Malcolm Brett	Vice Chairman
	Mrs Paule Harper (until June 2024)	

Elected Members

Lynne Noble-Danischevsky	Secretary (until July)
Mrs Sandra Brett	Secretary (from July)
Mrs Jane Winter	Treasurer
Mrs Viv McPherson	
Mr Peter McCallum	
Mrs Carole Brockhurst	
Mr Dave McPherson	
Mr Stephen Winter (from March 2024)	
Paule Harper (from March 2024)	

Co-Opted Members

Amanda Thomas-Matthews (from July 2024)

Deanery Synod

Mrs Yvonne Austin
Mr Matt Thorpe

Diocesan Synod

Mr Matt Thorpe (from August 2024)

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 9 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

This Trustees' Annual Report was **approved** by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Fr Paul Nash, Chairman



18th March 2025

Annual Financial Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

St Symphorian's Church, Durrington

St Symphorian's, Durrington Hill, Worthing BN13 2PU

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Statement of Financial Activities

The financial effect of our activities during the year can be summarised as follows

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	41,631	10,236	-	51,867	49,693	
Charitable activities	447	1,096	-	1,543	3,022	
Other trading activities	18,704	-	-	18,704	21,107	
Investments	42	28,118	-	28,161	25,941	
Other receipts	20,648	5,674	-	26,323	22,781	
Total income	81,473	45,124	-	126,597	122,544	2
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	
Charitable activities	78,753	50,580	-	129,333	109,137	
Other trading activities	17,238	-	-	17,238	18,923	
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	
Total expenditure	95,992	50,580	-	146,571	128,060	3
Net gains (or losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	62,378	
Net income or (net expenditure)	(14,519)	(5,455)	-	(19,974)	56,862	
Transfers between funds	995	(995)	-	-	-	10
	(13,524)	(6,450)	-	(19,974)	56,862	
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	17,748	17,748	-	11
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>						
Net movement in funds	(13,524)	(6,450)	17,748	(2,226)	56,862	
Total funds brought forward	478,527	30,129	860,207	1,368,864	1,312,002	
Total funds carried forward	465,003	23,679	877,955	1,366,638	1,368,864	

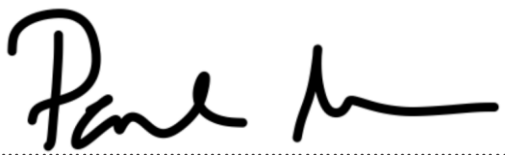
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Balance Sheet

Our financial position and summary of funds at the year end were

	Total Funds <u>2024</u>	Total Funds <u>2023</u>	Notes
	£	£	
Intangible assets	-	-	
Tangible assets	447,605	461,475	
Heritage assets	-	-	
Endowed investments	830,960	860,208	
Total fixed assets	1,278,565	1,274,687	11
Stocks	-	-	
Debtors	6,292	-	14
Investments	-	-	
Cash at bank and in hand	106,958	96,967	
Total current assets	113,250	96,968	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(10,178)	(2,791)	15
Net current assets or (liabilities)	103,072	94,177	
Total assets less current liabilities	1,381,637	1,368,864	
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	(15,000)	-	16
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	
Total net assets or (liabilities)	1,366,638	1,368,864	
The funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds	877,956	860,208	
Restricted income funds	23,680	30,130	
Unrestricted funds	465,003	478,527	
Revaluation reserve			
Total unrestricted funds	465,003	478,527	
Total charity funds	1,366,638	1,368,864	18

This Trustees' Annual Accounts was **approved** by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Fr Paul Nash, Chairman



Date: 18th March 2025

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Notes to the Financial Report

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, (SORP (FRS 102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. 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 affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members

Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund

Endowment funds - funds for which the capital must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment

Income and endowments

All income and endowments, accounted for without deduction for any costs of receivability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount accords with the Gift Aid declaration or other record of intention to donate

Gift aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is recognised

Grants and legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding, is received by the PCC

Charitable activities

Statutory fees for weddings and funerals are recognised when the office occurs

Other trading activities

Trading activities are where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services. Income from trading is recognised either: a - when received, or b - in the case of concerts: for the year in which the event occurs, irrespective of date of receipt. Advance bookings are included in creditors until the concert has taken place

Sales of magazines and study notes are recognised when received

Rents from property are recognised in accordance with the rental agreements, when receipt is probable

Investment income

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue

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All other income

All other income is recognised in accordance with the above overall policy

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31st December

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, payment is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC

Church activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for on an annual basis, reflecting the allocation set by our Deanery. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31st December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the financial statements. For other property acquired prior to 2007 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is stated at a nominal £1 in the financial statements

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1,000 are written off in the year they were incurred

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Land	Nil
Buildings	Nil
Fixtures and fittings	20%
Audio visual equipment	33%
Office equipment	25%

No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings as the useful economic life of these assets exceeds 50 years and residual values so high that potential depreciation would be immaterial. It is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. Resulting from regular impairment reviews, provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors, less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible

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

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Notes to the Financial Report

2 Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	19,712		19,712	23,485	
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	5,618		5,618	2,746	
Loose cash collections	4,262	-	4,262	3,725	
Social and Fundraising	1,427	2,018	3,445	2,535	
Other Special appeals	3,520	5,693	9,214	7,162	
Gift Aid recoverable	7,092	341	7,433	8,876	
Legacies	-		-	-	
Grants	-	2,184	2,184	1,164	
Donations and legacies	£41,631	£10,236	£51,867	£49,693	
Fees for weddings & funerals	447	1,096	1,543	3,022	
Charitable activities	£447	£1,096	£1,543	£3,022	
Social and Fundraising Events	4,314	-	4,314	7,049	
Rent from letting of Parish house	-		-	-	
Church centre hiring fees	14,390		14,390	14,058	
Café and Bar Sales	-	-	-	-	
Magazine advertisement fees	-		-	-	
Other trading activities	£18,704	-	£18,704	£21,107	
Bank & CBF deposit interest	42	28,118	28,161	25,941	
CBF investment fund dividend	-	-	-	-	
Investments	£42	£28,118	£28,161	£25,941	
Other receipts	20,648	5,674	26,323	22,781	
Total income and endowments on all funds	£81,473	£45,124	£126,597	£122,544	

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Notes to the Financial Report

3 Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Stewardship costs	-	-	-	-	
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	
Cost of raising funds	-	-	-	-	
Charitable grants and donations	3,678	1,487	5,165	6,413	4
Mission & Evangelism costs	2,593	5,485	8,078	7,746	
Diocesan parish share	44,667		44,667	43,337	
Clergy and other people's expenses	2,510	-	2,510	4,229	
Salaries and honoraria incl NI	9,950	312	10,262	9,682	
Church running costs	1,430	6,435	7,866	12,885	
Church maintenance and repair	-	36,861	36,861	4,762	
Upkeep of churchyard	-	-		488	
Miscellaneous	-				
Financing	-				
Bank charges	55		55	60	
Depreciation	13,871		13,871	19,536	
Governance	-				
Cost of charitable activities	£78,753	£50,580	£129,333	£109,137	
Social and Fundraising costs	2,767	-	2,767	2,894	
Church hall running costs	8,766	-	8,766	9,553	
Other trading costs	5,704	-	5,704	6,476	
Cost of other trading activities	£17,238	-	£17,238	£18,923	
Total expended on all funds	£95,992	£50,580	£146,571	£128,060	

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4 Missionary and charitable giving

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Overseas:					
Christian Aid		190	190	406	
DEC		-	-	99	
Imara Uganda Education Fund		790	790	745	
Medicine Sans Frontières		270	270		
Home:					
British Legion	25		25	25	
Children's Society		126	126	310	
Children in Need		20	20		
Dementia Hub				456	
Diocesan Harvest Appeal		-	-	300	
Family Support		-	-	300	
Macmillan		92	92	171	
SHOUT (Worthing Soup Kitchen)		-	-	105	
St Barnabas Hospice		-	-	190	
Other Charitable Giving	3,653		3,653	3,305	
	3,678	1,487	5,165	6,413	

5 Staff costs

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Remuneration					
Wages and salaries	9,950	312	10,262	9,682	
Employer social security costs					
Employer pension costs			-	-	
	9,950	312	10,262	5,970	

6 Payments to PCC members

Payments were made to PCC members in the year for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC:

- Clergy support: Council tax £782, Water and environmental charges amounting to £279 for the Vicarage plus other annual costs towards travel, hospitality, telephone, postage and broadband amounting to £1,449
- .5 other trustees received £4,899 for purchases made on behalf of the PCC.

No person received remuneration in excess of £60,000.

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7 Transactions with persons related to PCC members

Payments totalling £3,722 have been made to persons related to PCC members.

8 Transactions with related charities

There are no related charities to be the church.

9 Governance

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	<i>Total Funds 2023</i>	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
<i>Independent examination</i>			-	-	
<i>Accounts production</i>			-	-	
<i>Bookkeeping</i>			-	-	
	-	-	-	-	

10 Transfers between funds

Transfers between funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowment Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	<i>Total Funds 2023</i>	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
<i>General Fund</i>	995			995		
<i>Fees</i>		(995)		(995)		
<i>Sharp Funds</i>		20,000				
<i>Archdeacons Loan</i>		(20,000)		(20,000)		
<i>Sharp Deposit account</i>		(46,996)	46,996	-		
	995	(47,991)	46,996	(20,000)	-	

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11 Fixed assets

a Investments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Market value 1 January 2024	-	-	813,212	813,212	
Disposals at carrying value	-	-			
Purchases at cost	-	-			
Net gains and revaluation	-	-	17,748		
Market value 31 December 2024	-	-	£830,960	£830,960	

The PCC hold the Sharp Investment which comprises of 40,723.24 units in a property investment and 33,767.38 in a saving investment. These investments are held by Chichester Diocese on our behalf.

b Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Church equipment	Office equipment	Total fixed assets	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Cost or valuation					
At 1 January 2024	522,681	5,521	1,052	529,254	
Additions				-	
Disposals				-	
Revaluation				-	
At 31 December 2024	522,681	5,521	1,052	529,254	
Charge for impairment					
At 1 January 2024	(61,206)	(5,521)	(1,052)	(67,779)	
Additions	(13,871)			(13,871)	
Disposals	-			-	
Revaluation	-			-	
At 31 December 2024	(75,077)	(5,521)	(1,052)	(81,650)	
Net book amounts					
At 31 December 2024	447,604	-	-	447,605	
<i>At 31 December 2023</i>	<i>461,475</i>	-	-	<i>461,475</i>	

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13 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£		£	£	
Fixed assets for church use	447,605			447,605	461,475	
Investment fixed assets			830,960	830,960	813,211	
Current assets (except cash)	4,898	1,395		6,292	-	
Cash at bank and on deposit	16,282	43,680	46,996	106,958	96,967	
Current liabilities	(5,177)	(5,000)		(10,177)	(2,791)	
Long term liabilities	-	(15,000)		(15,000)	-	
	£463,607	£25,074	£877,956	£1,366,638	£1,368,864	

14 Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Income tax recoverable	-				
Prepayments and accrued income	4,898	1,395	6,292		
Other debtors			-	-	
	£4,898	£1,395	£6,292		

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Deferred income		-	-	-	
Accruals for utilities and other costs	5,178	-	5,178	2,791	
Archdeacon's loan		5,000	5,000	-	
Other creditors			-	-	
	£5,178	£5,000	£10,178	£2,791	

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16 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Deferred income		-	-	-	
Accruals for utilities and other costs		-	-	-	
Archdeacon's loan		15,000	15,000	-	
Other creditors		-	-	-	
	-	£15,000	£15,000	-	

17 Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	38,149	11,543	-	49,693
Charitable activities	1,991	1,031	-	3,022
Other trading activities	21,107	-	-	21,107
Investments	31	25,910	-	25,941
Other receipts	18,611	4,170	-	22,781
Total income	79,890	42,654	-	122,544
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	84,190	24,947	-	109,137
Other trading activities	17,575	1,348	-	18,923
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	101,765	26,295	-	128,060
Net gains (or losses) on investments	-	-	62,378	62,378
Net income or (net expenditure)	(21,875)	16,359	62,378	56,862
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
	(21,875)	16,359	62,378	56,862
Other recognised gains/(losses):				
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>				
Net movement in funds	(21,875)	16,359	62,378	56,862
Total funds brought forward	500,402	13,770	797,829	1,312,002
Total funds carried forward	478,527	30,129	860,207	1,368,864

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18 Statement of funds

Explanation of funds

Endowed funds are required by the donors to be invested and the income spent on specific objectives

The Sharp bequest is a permanent endowment, invested in CBF Investment Fund shares and Property Fund , which requires the income to be spent on the upkeep and maintenance of St Symphorian's Church.

Restricted funds are not invested permanently but are to be spent within reasonable timescales

The Parish Centre is restricted to maintenance of the Parish Centre building.

The Mission Fund holds funds raised for charities.

Unrestricted funds are not subject to any donor restrictions and can be spent as the PCC decides

The unrestricted fund includes a designated sum of £20,060 set aside for Vancouver Close repairs, Vicarage repairs, Parish Centre repairs and the Münchberg Link.

Summary of all funds

Fund income and expenditure and final balances are as follows:

	Balances b/fwd 01-Jan-24	Income	Expenditure	Endowed	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£		£	£
Sharp bequest	860208				17,748	877,956
Total of all endowed funds	860208	-	-		17,748	877,956
Collections and Appeals	19336.36	14,822	7,038		(995)	26,126
Sharp Income	10090.83	28,118	41,958		20,000	16,251
Grant	703	2,184	1,584			1,303
Archdeacons' Loan					(20,000)	(20,000)
Total of all restricted funds	30130	45,124	50,580		(995)	23,680
General fund	458467	78,463	94,979		995	442,945
Designated fund	20060	3,010	1,012			22,058
						-
Total of all unrestricted funds	478527	81,473	95,992		995	465,003
Total funds	1368864	£126,597	£146,571		£17,748	£1,366,638

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Symphorian's Church, Durrington for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of St Symphorian's, Durrington in the Diocese of Chichester, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2021 set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members 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:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. 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
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below in Section B)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Examiner's signature



Examiner's name CAPITALS

ANDREW CARTER

Date Relevant professional qualification(s) or body if any

Business Financial Manager

Examiner's address

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Independent Examiner’s Report

to the PCC of St Symphorian’s Church, Durrington

for the Year Ended 31st December, 2024

Section B	Disclosure
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems <i>for example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities’ Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts;• any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity;• any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and• any material inconsistency between the accounts and the trustees’ annual report.