

**The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of  
St John, Bowling, Bradford**

Charity number 1135113

**Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**



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**Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**

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## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2024

### Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Tim Thomas	Chair	
Janette Miller	Treasurer	
Simon Ward		
Sharon Ward		
Ian Eskriett		
Sandra Foxcroft		Resigned 28 April 2024
Sue Hannan		
Paul Ayers		
Helen Eskriett		
Harold Kolawole		
Victor Aladejana		Appointed 28 April 2024
Amin Ramezani		Appointed 28 April 2024
Soheil Chenari		Appointed 28 April 2024
		Resigned 22 July 2024
<b>Charity number</b>	1135113	Registered in England and Wales

<b>Registered and principal address</b>	<b>Bankers</b>
Neville Rd	Lloyds Bank plc
Bradford	Hustlergate
BD4 8TU	Bradford
	BD1 1NT

**Independent examiner**  
Simon Bostrom FCIE

**West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**  
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**Structure, governance and management**  
The charity is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and church representation rules.

**Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees**  
The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

# **The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St John, Bowling, Bradford**

## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024**

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **The charity's objects**

Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

#### **The charity's main activities**

The charity provides a variety of religious activities and community projects.

#### **Public benefit statement**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

### **Achievements and performance**

We have had another busy and successful year at St John's Bowling. Our buildings continue to be in use 7 days a week for congregational and community-based activities. The church congregations have continued to grow, with people from across the world joining the St John's family. We have continued to see particular growth in our youth and refugee/asylum seeker outreach works.

St John's Bowling Hub continues to host many local partners as well as running our own community outreach projects. In particular, the Pete's Place project continues to thrive with our work supporting over 350 local households in 2024. This was primarily through the provision of low-cost food to the community through our Grub Club and Grub Club Xtra sessions and the Pete's Place hot meal provision. These sessions attracted people from over 44 nations. Other activity sessions included arts and crafts sessions, English language tuition, community cooking sessions and distributing SIM cards to community users via the National Databank network. All this work has flourished through strengthening our partnerships with other local organisations including schools and other charities in 2024. Towards the end of the year, Pete's Place became a Foodsavers outlet, which has significantly helped our Grub Club users manage their money better and start a financial savings journey through links with Bradford District Credit Union. We have grown our staff and volunteer team in 2024, many thanks to some of our funders who have enabled this to take place. Special thanks to these volunteers who have given over 3800 hours of time serving at Pete's Place.

Our usual variety of community activities running from the Hub have increased in the past 12 months including hosting local faith groups, exercise classes and addiction support groups. We also continued to run a busy schedule of private bookings for activities, parties and events.

In the last quarter of the year, our main building underwent significant capital improvement works to remove signs of a dry rot infestation whilst undertaking roof and gutter renovation/replacement works along the south side. This work was satisfactorily completed before the year end and we await the scoping of the final phase of roof renovation works in 2025.

### **Financial review**

The net expenditure for the year was £132,382, including net expenditure of £118,697 on unrestricted funds and net expenditure of £13,685 on restricted funds after transfers.

### **Reserves policy**

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £46,369.

The reserves policy is to retain funds that are not committed or invested that amount to between 1 and 3 months of annual expenditure. The purpose of the reserve is to enable the smooth running of the charity and to allow for an orderly winding up should the charity need to close. Annual budgeted expenditure is approximately £260,000 which means that the reserves should be between £22,000 and £65,000.

Approved by the board of trustees on 25/03/2025

Janette Miller (Trustee)

# **The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St John, Bowling, Bradford**

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St John, Bowling, Bradford**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity 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 as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a fellow of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act.

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a fellow of ACIE which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Charities Act;
- 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.

Simon Bost. 

31/03/2025

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**The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of  
St John, Bowling, Bradford**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(including summary income and expenditure account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Grants and donations	(2)	104,889	142,221	247,110	297,953
Venue hire		32,127	-	32,127	27,738
Other earned income		10,107	-	10,107	9,573
VAT reclaim		23,349	-	23,349	5,497
Bank interest		-	-	-	6
Insurance claims		-	-	-	1,909
<b>Total income</b>		<u>170,472</u>	<u>142,221</u>	<u>312,693</u>	<u>342,676</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Salaries, NICs and pension	(3)	30,064	80,249	110,313	85,006
Training		1,550	1,050	2,600	-
Clergy expenses		1,059	-	1,059	1,191
Phone and internet		4,542	-	4,542	4,287
Utilities		5,587	11,964	17,551	13,696
Insurance		9,159	-	9,159	4,450
Cleaning		3,616	715	4,331	3,115
Repairs and maintenance		153,612	11,789	165,401	48,487
Resources and congregation expenses		6,434	-	6,434	8,406
Administration		3,195	1,358	4,553	4,531
Communications and marketing		5,057	301	5,358	565
Printing and stationery		1,639	22	1,661	1,919
Home mission - donations		820	-	820	1,300
Overseas mission - donations		6,500	-	6,500	6,040
Events and activities		3,846	44,282	48,128	53,782
Diocesan share		37,510	-	37,510	39,484
Bank charges		274	-	274	248
Independent examination		1,071	-	1,071	1,071
Depreciation		13,634	-	13,634	13,634
Donations		-	4,176	4,176	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>289,169</u>	<u>155,906</u>	<u>445,075</u>	<u>291,212</u>
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>		<u>(118,697)</u>	<u>(13,685)</u>	<u>(132,382)</u>	<u>51,464</u>
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		<u>590,487</u>	<u>33,982</u>	<u>624,469</u>	<u>573,005</u>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(4)	<u>471,790</u>	<u>20,297</u>	<u>492,087</u>	<u>624,469</u>

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

# The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St John, Bowling, Bradford

## Balance sheet

as at 31 December 2024

		2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	(5)	425,421	-	425,421	439,055
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>425,421</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>425,421</u>	<u>439,055</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors and prepayments	(6)	3,955	-	3,955	21,562
Cash at bank and in hand	(7)	46,900	20,297	67,197	168,381
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>50,855</u>	<u>20,297</u>	<u>71,152</u>	<u>189,943</u>
<b>Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
Creditors and accruals	(8)	4,486	-	4,486	4,529
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<u>4,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,486</u>	<u>4,529</u>
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>46,369</u>	<u>20,297</u>	<u>66,666</u>	<u>185,414</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>471,790</u>	<u>20,297</u>	<u>492,087</u>	<u>624,469</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds		471,790	-	471,790	590,487
Restricted funds		-	20,297	20,297	33,982
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>471,790</u>	<u>20,297</u>	<u>492,087</u>	<u>624,469</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 25/03/2025

Janette Miller (Trustee)

# **The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St John, Bowling, Bradford**

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2024**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

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

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

##### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, if it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### **Grants and donations**

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

##### **Expenditure and liabilities**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

##### **Taxation**

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Gifted assets are shown at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Property Improvements: over 50 years

Project and office equipment: over 5 years



# **The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St John, Bowling, Bradford**

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2024**

#### **1 Accounting policies continued**

##### **Pensions**

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. The costs of contributions are recognised in the year they are payable.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

**The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of :**  
**Bowling, Bradford**  
**Notes to the accounts continued**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

<b>2 Grants and donations</b>	2024	2024	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£
Bradford City Challenge Foundation	-	1,750	1,750
CBMDC Community Building Grants	-	6,600	6,600
CBMDC Community Chest	-	250	250
CBMDC Household Support Fund	-	29,502	29,502
Department for Culture, Media and Sport DCMS	-	29,366	29,366
Leeds Diocese	-	38,831	38,831
People's Health Trust Active Communities	-	4,246	4,246
The Joseph Rank Trust	-	12,500	12,500
The Wilats Trust	-	15,000	15,000
Archbishop Fund	-	-	-
CBMDC King's Coronation	-	-	-
Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts	-	-	-
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	-	-	-
Gift aid	17,435	-	17,435
Other donations	87,454	4,176	91,630
	<u>104,889</u>	<u>142,221</u>	<u>247,110</u>

<b>3 Staff costs and numbers</b>	2024
	£
Gross salaries	103,463
Social security costs	6,928
Employment allowance	(5,501)
Pensions	5,423
	<u>110,313</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 4.9, being an average of 3.5 full time equivalent (202 FTE). There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

<b>Defined contribution pension scheme</b>	2024
	£
Costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	5,423
Amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end	321

<b>4 Restricted funds</b>	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers
	£	£	£	£
The Joseph Rank Trust	10,583	12,500	12,666	-
Leeds Diocese	-	35,331	34,027	-
CBDMC - Household Support	7,889	29,502	30,689	-
The Wilats Trust	-	15,000	15,000	-
Sainsbury Family Trusts	1,500	-	1,500	-
Peoples Health Trust	13,886	4,246	18,132	-
DCMS	-	29,366	29,366	-
CBDMC Community Chest	-	250	250	-
CBDMC - Community Building	-	6,600	6,600	-
Leeds Diocese Building fund	-	3,500	3,500	-
Bradford City Challenge Fdn.	-	1,750	-	-
Archbishop Fund	124	-	-	-
Funeral donations fund	-	4,176	4,176	-
	<u>33,982</u>	<u>142,221</u>	<u>155,906</u>	<u>-</u>

St John,

2023
Total
funds
£
5,000
4,000
-
35,080
16,678
24,894
20,305
12,500
16,000
200
200
1,500
5,500
20,587
135,509
<u>297,953</u>

2023
£
80,871
5,746
(5,649)
4,038
<u>85,006</u>

3: 4.7, 3.1

2023
£
4,038
186

Balance c/f
£
10,417
1,304
6,702
-
-
-
-
-
-
1,750
124
-
<u>20,297</u>

# The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St John, Bowling, Bradford

## Notes to the accounts continued

### for the year ended 31 December 2024

#### 4 Restricted funds

<b>Fund name</b>	<b>Purpose of restriction</b>
The Joseph Rank Trust	Mission work with asylum seekers and refugees.
Leeds Diocese	Strategic development fund - towards Mission apprentice salary and operation support costs.
CBDMC - Household Support	Towards household support and food provision.
The Wilats Trust	Fund staff salaries an extra 20 hours per week.
Sainsbury Family Trusts	To fund cook and eat sessions.
Peoples Health Trust	Active Communities Grant to fund Pete's Place staffing / project development
DCMS	Funding through the Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund.
CBDMC Community Chest	Towards the cost of a community event.
CBDMC - Community Building	Community Utilities Grant for running costs of the Community Hub.
Leeds Diocese Building fund	Towards the cost of roof repairs.
Bradford City Challenge Fdn.	Towards the running costs of Pete's Place.
Archbishop Fund	To support evangelism through a local school Christian Union.
Funeral donations fund	During the year the charity collected donations to be passed on to the relatives of one of the church members who passed away during the year.

#### 5 Tangible assets

	Equipment	Property improvement	Total
<u>Cost</u>	£	£	£
At 1 January 2024	18,099	500,711	518,810
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	18,099	500,711	518,810
 <u>Depreciation</u>			
At 1 January 2024	9,819	69,936	79,755
Charge for year	3,620	10,014	13,634
At 31 December 2024	13,439	79,950	93,389
 <u>Net book value</u>			
At 31 December 2024	4,660	420,761	425,421
At 31 December 2023	8,280	430,775	439,055

#### 6 Debtors and prepayments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	359	359
Accrued income	3,596	21,017
Other debtors	-	186
	3,955	21,562

#### 7 Cash at bank and in hand

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank	67,113	168,369
Cash in hand	84	12
	67,197	168,381

**The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of  
St John, Bowling, Bradford**  
**Notes to the accounts continued**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**8 Creditors and accruals**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	4,114	4,529
Other creditors	372	-
	<u>4,486</u>	<u>4,529</u>

**9 Related party transactions continued**

**Donations from trustees and related parties**

The total aggregate value of unconditional donations to the charity from the trustees or related parties was £21,788 (2023: £71,504).

**Trustee expenses**

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

**Trustee remuneration and benefits**

During the year, Janette Miller, a trustee was engaged on a freelance basis to provide admin services for the charity. She was paid £3,185 during the year for these services (2023: £3,472). The authority for this engagement arises from the governing document and meets the criteria set out in s185 of the Charities Act 2011.

No other trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

**10 Operating leases**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Expected future minimum lease payments over the remaining life of the lease, analysed into the period in which the commitment falls due:		
Within one year	3,834	4,911
In the second to fifth years inclusive	502	4,336
Over five years from the balance sheet date	-	-
	<u>4,336</u>	<u>9,247</u>

**11 Funds held as agent**

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£
Credit Union savings	-	209	209	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>-</u>

**Fund name**

Credit Union savings

**Additional information**

During the year the charity acted in an intermediary capacity by collecting sums from service users to be passed on to Bradford District Credit Union as savings.

# The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St John, Bowling, Bradford

## Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds (including summary income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>Income</b>						
Grants and donations	104,889	156,096	142,221	141,857	247,110	297,953
Venue hire	32,127	27,738	-	-	32,127	27,738
Other earned income	10,107	9,573	-	-	10,107	9,573
VAT reclaim	23,349	5,497	-	-	23,349	5,497
Bank interest	-	6	-	-	-	6
Insurance claims	-	1,909	-	-	-	1,909
<b>Total income</b>	<b>170,472</b>	<b>200,819</b>	<b>142,221</b>	<b>141,857</b>	<b>312,693</b>	<b>342,676</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Salaries, NICs and pension	30,064	19,281	80,249	65,725	110,313	85,006
Training	1,550	-	1,050	-	2,600	-
Clergy expenses	1,059	1,191	-	-	1,059	1,191
Phone and internet	4,542	4,287	-	-	4,542	4,287
Utilities	5,587	1,943	11,964	11,753	17,551	13,696
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Diocesan share	37,510	39,484	-	-	37,510	39,484
Bank charges	274	248	-	-	274	248
Independent examination	1,071	1,071	-	-	1,071	1,071
Depreciation	13,634	13,634	-	-	13,634	13,634
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>289,169</b>	<b>158,503</b>	<b>155,906</b>	<b>132,709</b>	<b>445,075</b>	<b>291,212</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>	<b>(118,697)</b>	<b>42,316</b>	<b>(13,685)</b>	<b>9,148</b>	<b>(132,382)</b>	<b>51,464</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,620)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(118,697)</b>	<b>43,936</b>	<b>(13,685)</b>	<b>7,528</b>	<b>(132,382)</b>	<b>51,464</b>
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>	<b>590,487</b>	<b>546,551</b>	<b>33,982</b>	<b>26,454</b>	<b>624,469</b>	<b>573,005</b>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	<b>471,790</b>	<b>590,487</b>	<b>20,297</b>	<b>33,982</b>	<b>492,087</b>	<b>624,469</b>