

Report of the Trustees and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024

for the Parochial Church Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of Holmer with
Huntington



Holmer with Huntington & St Mary's, Hereford

Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005

Reference and Administration Details

The parish has three churches St Bartholomew's, St Mary's and St Mary Magdalene. There is also Holmer Parish Centre. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holmer with Huntington is a Registered Charity No 1135577

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Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church representation rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC from May 2024 onwards:

Vicar	Rev Wayne Davies - from July 2024
Curate	Rev Erin Butler - left October 2024
Churchwardens	Mrs Christine Price and Mr Peter Maxwell
Chapel Wardens	Mrs Margaret Hampshire (Huntington), Mrs Sheila Tolson (Huntington) & Mrs Cynthia Hartland (St. Mary's)
Deanery Synod Members	Mrs Barbara Hartland, Mr Peter Maxwell, Mrs Maggie Love & Mrs Gill Waring-Jenkins re-election due for all in 2026
Secretary	Mrs Jane Tate
Treasurer	Mr Gerald Ridley

Elected Members In theory three are appointed each year for a 3-year period

3 years ending April 2027 Mrs Janis Gough, Mrs Wendy Burge, Mr Dave Cappleman
1 year ending April 2025 Mr Mike Jefferis – deceased Jan 2025
2 years ending April 2026 Mrs Rose Vodden, Mr Mike Beardall, Mrs Judith Topping
Co-opted: Mr Brian Hubbard 2 years ending April 2026; Mrs Hannah James-Fagg 3 years ending April 2027;
Mrs Sarah Stevenson 3 years ending April 2027
Ex-officio: Mrs Nancy Thomas – Reader Emeritus; Rev Mary Maxwell – Distinctive Deacon

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. It is registered with the Charity Commission.

There are currently no policies and procedures for the recruitment, induction and training of PCC members. Copies of the Archbishops' Council and Charity Commission's booklet *"Trusteeship – An Introduction for PCC Members"* are made available to new PCC members.

Apart from the Standing Committee of the PCC, the Church has no official sub-committees.

Objectives and activities

Our Mission Statement is 'Showing Jesus Christ to those around us.'

Public Benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holmer with Huntington it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in so doing it provides a benefit to the public by:-

Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers: and
Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Church Attendance. There are 137 names on the Church Electoral Roll (2025)

The average Sunday attendances at Holmer during 2024 still fluctuates, however we see an average of 70 adults and 10 children on a normal Sunday. At Huntington, average congregation was 15. St Mary's Grandstand the average was also 15. Christmas attendances were up on 2023. Church 'n' chips continue to have a regular attendance, but numbers do vary. Our Sunday services have continued to be recorded for YouTube and these recordings are appreciated.

We are fortunate as a church to have several life groups, the hub, busy bees, lighthouse, encounter, OTB and outreach events.

During 2024 there were 9 baptisms, 0 weddings, 8 funerals, 10 funerals at the Crem and 4 interments of ashes at Holmer. Huntington had 3 baptisms, 0 weddings, 1 funeral and 1 interment of ashes. There were no life events at St Mary's Grandstand Road.

Christian Giving: Our Churches support Scripture Union (SU), Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS), Children's Society, Bible Society, Tearfund, Serving Africa Mission, and CMS on a regular basis. In addition, we support Christian Aid Week and the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox appeal. Any disaster appeals are channelled through Tearfund. We have also started a discretionary fund within the church.

Rev Wayne Davies (Vicar)

Financial Review 2024

Let's give God the glory for all we have done for him and our community of faith.

We are a busy church with many activities and four buildings to care for, this means that we need to ensure our money is used wisely after careful consideration by our PCC. It is important that we fund adequately our activities such as chip and chips, Sunday Clubs, training and outreach into the community. We also need to ensure that our buildings are maintained to a high standard and make improvements when necessary.

During the year the movable wall in the centre repaired, it is hope that this will mean several more years of service before it needs replacing. Also the centre floor was refurbished at a cost of £5400; the full cost was covered by a single grant. Our energy costs increased again in 2024 as was the case for all users of Gas, Electric and Oil; however we paid these costs without causing difficulties in our overall funding. The Huntington window, damaged by vandals, was repair with the insurance claim covering most of the cost, but the work was not paid for until early January 2025. We were very fortunate to receive several generous donations and one legacy which made a significant difference to our end of year balance.

I would to take this opportunity to thank everyone most sincerely for their generous giving during the year, through the Parish Giving Scheme, by Standing order, cheque or cash. The great thing about the PGS is that the money given and the Gift Aid are both paid directly into our cash account as regular monthly payments, which helps our cash flow. Through the hard work and dedication of our Gift Aid officer we have claimed back as most funds as we can for all money give outside of the parish giving scheme.

The main funds for the charity are held in two accounts, a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) account and a CIOF deposit account, which both hold restricted and unrestricted funds. In addition there are two designated funds held in separate bank accounts, Junior Church and Busy Bees. Throughout 2024, all these funds have had credit balances.

The PCC are pleased to report that the Parish Share was paid in full for 2024, this was an expenditure of £59,308 and was 1% more than paid in 2023.

As in previous years, the work of the three churches continued with the church centre and St Mary's being used well to support community groups and church outreach and at the same time generate substantial revenue.

Reserves' Policy

The PCC has agreed to keep at least £20,000 in reserve to cover at least three months of general operating expenditure in case of an emergency interruption to our regular income cash flow. If our reserves fall below £20,000 then we would need to have an emergency meeting of the PCC to consider a suitable course of action and response. This policy will be reviewed annually by the PCC.

Gerald Ridley
(Hon Treasurer)

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Holmer with Huntington
Parochial Church Council.**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 9

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by 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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have 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.



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Date 11-4-2025

The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holmer with Huntington - 1135577

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Current assets		
6510: CCLA Deposit Account	15,303.54	14,557.68
6520: CAF Cash Account	19,086.12	11,819.92
6521: CAF Gold Account	1,044.37	1,018.59
6590: Bell Tower Bank Account	—	—
6591: Busy Bees Bank Account	2,388.06	2,562.14
6593: Junior Church Bank Account	55.34	40.24
Total Current assets	37,877.43	29,998.57
Liabilities		
6699: Agency collections	(164.00)	240.00
Z04: Accounts Payable	—	—
Total Liabilities	(164.00)	240.00
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	38,041.43	29,758.57
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) to date	8,282.86	(14,845.93)
Z01: Starting balances	29,758.57	44,604.50
Total Reserves	38,041.43	29,758.57

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	31,117.18	24,365.49
Designated	4,540.85	4,726.83
Restricted	2,383.40	666.25
Endowment	—	—
Total	38,041.43	29,758.57

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

As at: 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
6510 : CCLA Deposit Account	15,303.54	—	—	—	15,303.54	14,557.68
6520 : CAF Cash Account	14,769.27	2,097.45	2,219.40	—	19,086.12	11,819.92
6521 : CAF Gold Account	1,044.37	—	—	—	1,044.37	1,018.59
6591 : Busy Bees Bank Account	—	2,388.06	—	—	2,388.06	2,562.14
6593 : Junior Church Bank Account	—	55.34	—	—	55.34	40.24
Total	31,117.18	4,540.85	2,219.40	—	37,877.43	29,998.57
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
6699 : Agency collections	—	—	(164.00)	—	(164.00)	240.00
Total	—	—	(164.00)	—	(164.00)	240.00
Net total assets	31,117.18	4,540.85	2,383.40	—	38,041.43	29,758.57
Represented by						
Unrestricted - General	31,117.18	—	—	—	31,117.18	24,365.49
Designated - BellTower	—	2,097.45	—	—	2,097.45	2,124.45
Designated - BusyBees	—	2,388.06	—	—	2,388.06	2,562.14
Designated - JunChurch	—	55.34	—	—	55.34	40.24
Restricted - CFamWork	—	—	1,873.61	—	1,873.61	125.89
Restricted - HolmerFlow	—	—	450.67	—	450.67	481.24
Restricted - HuntFlower	—	—	59.12	—	59.12	59.12
Total	31,117.18	4,540.85	2,383.40	—	38,041.43	29,758.57

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Analysis of income and expenditure

Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
0101 - Standing Orders	3,480	—	—	—	3,480	3,400
0110 - Holmer Envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	—
0120 - Huntington Envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	—
0130 - St Mary's Envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	—
0140 - Parish Giving - Gift Aided	47,240	—	—	—	47,240	41,587
0141 - Parish Giving - Gift Aid Income	10,433	—	—	—	10,433	8,994
0142 - Parish Giving - No Gift Aid	—	—	—	—	—	—
0301 - Holmer Plate	5,996	—	—	—	5,996	5,026
0302 - Huntington Plate	2,685	—	—	—	2,685	2,601
0303 - St Mary's Plate	2,272	—	—	—	2,272	2,719
0304 - Baptism, Wedding and Funeral Service Col	212	—	93	—	305	712
0401 - Donations	8,691	—	11,021	—	19,713	12,468
0402 - Special Appeals	—	—	—	—	—	6,485
0403 - Gift Days	—	—	—	—	—	—
0404 - Bell Tower Donations	—	153	—	—	153	2,304
0405 - Donations for Wedding Flowers	—	—	80	—	80	100
0406 - Donations for Discretionary Fund	1,515	—	—	—	1,515	250
0501 - Online Giving	323	—	—	—	323	—
0601 - Gift Aid Recovered	4,979	—	1,184	—	6,163	7,150
0701 - Legacies Received	1,000	—	—	—	1,000	—
0801 - Listed places of Worship	—	—	—	—	—	—
0802 - Hereford Diocese	—	—	—	—	—	—
0803 - Other Grants	5,400	—	—	—	5,400	—
<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	94,229	153	12,379	—	106,762	93,800
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
0901 - Fundraising Income	1,228	—	475	—	1,703	1,880
1101 - Funeral Fees	3,353	—	—	—	3,353	3,120
1110 - Wedding Fees	486	—	—	—	486	1,287
<i>Income from charitable activities Totals</i>	5,067	—	475	—	5,542	6,287
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
1201 - Magazine Adverts & Sales	1,420	—	—	—	1,420	1,240
1210 - Parish Centre Lettings	12,587	—	—	—	12,587	11,234
1211 - St Mary's Lettings	5,453	—	—	—	5,453	4,581
1220 - Activity / Training Days	253	—	—	—	253	370
1221 - Social Events Income	—	—	494	—	494	228
1222 - Plaque Income	704	—	—	—	704	162
1223 - Holmer Hub	2,838	—	—	—	2,838	2,589
1230 - Junior Church	—	195	—	—	195	173
1231 - Over 60's	—	—	—	—	—	—
1232 - Busy Bees	—	1,881	—	—	1,881	1,643
<i>Other trading activities Totals</i>	23,256	2,076	494	—	25,827	22,225

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<i>Investments</i>						
1020 - Bank Interest	821	—	—	—	821	676
<i>Investments Totals</i>	821	—	—	—	821	676
<i>Other income</i>						
1301 - Utility Refunds	—	—	—	—	—	—
1302 - Other Incoming Resources	1,555	—	—	—	1,555	6,738
1303 - HMRC Refund	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Other income Totals</i>	1,555	—	—	—	1,555	6,738
Income and endowments Grand totals	124,930	2,229	13,349	—	140,509	129,729

Expenditure

Raising funds

1701 - Fundraising Expenses	8	—	—	—	8	35
1703 - Planned Giving Envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	—

<i>Raising funds Totals</i>	8	—	—	—	8	35
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Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - PCC Mission Giving	3,376	—	—	—	3,376	2,638
1802 - Discretionary Giving	76	—	—	—	76	—
1901 - Parish Share	59,308	—	—	—	59,308	58,720
2001 - Salaries	11,198	—	10,314	—	21,512	20,211
2002 - HMRC Costs	3,458	—	—	—	3,458	2,779
2003 - Pension Costs	835	—	712	—	1,547	1,304
2004 - Honoraria	—	—	—	—	—	—
2005 - Honoraria - Organists	—	—	—	—	—	—
2101 - Clergy Expenses	837	—	—	—	837	698
2102 - Staff Expenses	216	—	495	—	711	1,452
2103 - Staff Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
2300 - Worship Materials	550	—	—	—	550	468
2301 - Grounds Maintenance	449	—	—	—	449	2,148
2302 - Property Maintenance	850	—	—	—	850	279
2303 - Bell Tower Running Costs	—	180	—	—	180	1,770
2304 - Annual Service Contracts	476	—	—	—	476	932
2305 - Annual Subscriptions	1,263	—	—	—	1,263	1,045
2306 - Stationery & Equipment	1,612	—	—	—	1,612	600
2307 - Cleaning Supplies	699	—	—	—	699	505
2308 - Telephone	1,562	—	—	—	1,562	712
2309 - Postage	113	—	—	—	113	31
2310 - Printing Costs	1,863	—	—	—	1,863	944
2311 - Insurance	3,871	—	—	—	3,871	3,666
2312 - Flowers	—	—	110	—	110	189
2313 - Volunteers Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
2402 - Parish Centre Utility Bills	2,591	—	—	—	2,591	2,677
2403 - Holmer Utility Bills	2,306	—	—	—	2,306	1,912
2404 - Huntington Utility Bills	2,450	—	—	—	2,450	971
2405 - St Mary's Utility Bills	2,808	—	—	—	2,808	2,687
2406 - Parish Office Utility Bills	774	—	—	—	774	707
2505 - Social Events Expenses	716	—	—	—	716	448
2506 - Magazine Expenses	51	—	—	—	51	49
2601 - Governance Costs	1,183	—	—	—	1,183	298
2701 - Holmer Repairs	1,182	—	—	—	1,182	13,217

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
2702 - Huntington Repairs	—	—	—	—	—	3,076
2703 - St Mary's Repairs	421	—	—	—	421	8,015
2801 - Parish Centre Repairs	6,233	—	—	—	6,233	383
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</i>	113,339	180	11,632	—	125,151	135,546
<i>Other expenditure</i>						
2314 - Sundries	240	—	—	—	240	364
2501 - Junior Church	—	180	—	—	180	204
2502 - Over 60's	—	—	—	—	—	—
2503 - Busy Bees	—	2,055	—	—	2,055	1,787
2504 - Activity/Training Days	2,912	—	—	—	2,912	1,529
2507 - Plaques	704	—	—	—	704	162
2508 - Holmer Hub	749	—	—	—	749	340
2600 - Bank Account Fees	129	—	—	—	129	2,252
2602 - Holmer Burial Fees	—	—	—	—	—	—
2603 - Parish Hire Refund	96	—	—	—	96	995
2900 - Car Park	—	—	—	—	—	1,355
2950 - Bank Transfer	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Other expenditure Totals</i>	4,831	2,235	—	—	7,066	8,993
Expenditure Grand totals	118,179	2,415	11,632	—	132,226	144,575

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