



THE PARISH OF SHERE
incorporating the villages of Gomshall, Peaslake and Shere



Shere Parochial Church Council

Annual Report and

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 2024

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1. Ministry Report

The busyness of rural Parish Ministry often causes us to over focus on the current season. Our forward planning sometimes suffers, and we perhaps don't do as much reflection on the past as we should. The Annual Report at least makes us look at the previous year in some depth - and in stepping back and doing so this year I can see that even if we have not been as overtly strategic as we should, God has guided us down a good path and as a result we have made significant progress over the last three years. The message I think for both churches and individuals is that a combination of being faithful and diligent in our regular service to God, and also being open to God leading us in new directions, enables God's will to be done in our lives and in our parish.

In this parish being faithful and diligent in our regular service to God involves a large amount of effort and a large number of people. The Ministry Team and PCC are very grateful to all those involved in the many, many unseen but vital tasks that make this possible. Our regular services, outreach activities, and community pastoral work are the bedrock of our church life – thank you for making them happen.

It is this foundation which gives us space to actively listen to God and to respond when God seems to be drawing us in a particular direction.

As we came out of Covid in 2021 we felt that the 'Ministry of Welcome' was where God wanted us to focus and so in 2022 we developed new ways of welcoming people into our gatherings and into our buildings. These initiatives continue in things like our Sidespersons and Welcomers Team (welcoming people to our gatherings) and our Pilgrimage Group - currently focusing on enhancing the visitor experience at St James'. In 2023 we felt God was asking us to look more inwardly, and so the focus became how we could do more individually and corporately to grow into the likeness of Jesus. Our Autumn course that year (Salt and Light) began to explore this theme and led not only to personal growth for those taking part but also specific initiatives such as the starting of a new home group - 'Simply Faith'.

In 2024 both our study courses had a direct discipleship theme – in Lent we used the film 'The Way' to compare the pilgrimage of a group of people travelling to Santiago de Compostela to our own spiritual journey, and in the Autumn we used Bishop Andrew's Book 'Confidence in the Living God' which uses the story of David and Goliath to show how God can develop a proper self-confidence within individuals and the Church. Bishop Andrew himself took part in one of the sessions.

As we grew as disciples we felt God asking us to look outwards again – but this time not at ways we could attract people in, but rather how we could go out and be with people in the community. In the latter part of 2024 we experimented with having a presence at Gomshall's Fieldfest and Peaslake's Fair – the success of which convinced us to explore this type of Incarnational Ministry further in 2025.

Alongside this Parish development we are looking at more coordination across the Benefice (i.e. Albury and Chilworth). This is something we have long felt we should put more effort towards – but it was precipitated in 2024 by the retirement of Andrew Pearson in Albury and the greater input required by the Shere Ministry Team as a result.

The rest of this report puts some flesh on what it means for us to be "faithful and diligent in our regular service to God" – so many people spend so much time in this service, please take a short time to read about their efforts and then hold them in your prayers.

Revd Tim Heaney, Rector

2. Financial Report

In 2024 the Parish has benefitted from a small surplus on our unrestricted funds (monies available for day-to-day expenditure) of £1,100. This compares with a deficit in 2023 of £31,000. Overall including restricted resources income was £260,000 and expenditure was £254,000.

On the income side, unrestricted income has increased by 4.85% from 2023 (£216,000 vs £206,000). Within that figure regular Planned Giving, our most important source of income, has increased by 3.3%, to £116,000

(from £112,000 in 2023 and £114,000 in 2022). Whilst good news that regular giving has slightly increased year on year, overall it is declining over the recent past once inflation is taken into account. The benefits of our 2021 planned giving campaign have now fully worked through and the gradual decline is as a result of givers ceasing their donations, through moving away or otherwise, slightly offset by some increases in the last year.

Unrestricted donations declined slightly to £16,700 (£17,000). This figure includes money collected at Carols in the Square. To a certain extent the decline is offset by donations for our two new projects – the St James lighting and the Peaslake cemetery fence. Funds for these projects are treated as restricted resources (ringfenced) and are separate from general unrestricted funds. Including restricted funds donations in 2024 increased to £22,000, up from £19,000. A second Goodbox device was installed at St Marks and is starting to make a contribution, complementing the device at St James' which continues to collect donations from the many visitors to the church.

Collections from services increased from £6,600 in 2023 to £7,900. The Old Parsonage on Lawbrook Lane continues to be let, which provided a gross income of £18,600 (£17,000), an increase of 9%, as the results of the most recent rent review are fully reflected in the annual figures.

Income from wedding and funeral fees of £11,500 was a slight increase from 2023 (£11,000). Within that figure wedding income was down because there were fewer weddings in the year, offset by an increase in funeral offices from £5,000 to £6,500. Magazine income was down slightly to £28,700 from £29,500. An increase in sales and subscription income was offset by a slight decline in advertising revenue, which is expected to be reversed in 2025.

On the expenditure side, included in our unrestricted (excluding designated) expenditure total of £215,000 (£237,000) is our diocesan parish share of £95,500 (£91,000), an increase of almost 5% (1.5%). For comparison our 2025 parish share will increase by 3% to £98,500.

Our mission support giving was £17,600 (£14,200). As well as donations to our long-standing regular charities of Barnabus and Amos Trust we continued to donate to the Tanzanian orphanage Larchfield. Our support over three years for the Camino project concluded in 2024. Carols in the Square raised over £5000 after costs, a stunning result, up again from the previous year. The proceeds were shared equally between the Save the Children Emergency Fund and Guildford Action, who each received over £2500.

The figures for 2024 include a full year of salary payments for our church administrator and a part year funding of our 50% contribution towards the benefice children's and family worker which has now concluded.

There were no major items of expenditure on the fabric of our two church buildings in 2024. Maintenance expenditure totalled £6,600 down from £34,600 in 2023 which included roof repairs and the refurbishment of the south porch at St James.

The Old School Room benefitted from a major project to make the building accessible for wheelchairs. Income and expenditure were treated as restricted funds. Income of £38,000 was in the form of a grant received from Surrey County Council. Expenditure on the project was contained on budget at £37,000. Overall the small retained surplus will be put towards other anticipated OSR expenditure.

Expenditure on utilities, mainly gas and electricity, for our church buildings for the year was £8,000 (£11,000), a decrease of 27%. This decrease, whilst welcome is largely as a result of the general decrease in utility prices after the steep increases in recent years but does also reflect our eco-church initiative. However we must continue to be vigilant and continue to look at ways to reduce our utilities spend, mindful that heating forms the largest part.

Expenditure on our church buildings was £6,600, down from £34,000. There was no major maintenance expenditure incurred at either St James or St Mark's church this year.

The net result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure of £1,100 (2023 deficit £31,000) on

unrestricted and designated funds. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31st December on unrestricted funds totaled £124,000 (2023: £122,000). This increase, albeit small, is a welcome change from two years of our reserves declining (from £149,000 at the end of 2022).

However as the church is looking to commission two major projects in 2025 (St James lighting and St Marks fencing), we should expect to see future declines in our reserves.

Our reserves would have declined for a third year but for an increase in the value of our investment funds lodged with the Church of England deposit fund, which increased in value by £1,300 (2023: £4,900).

At year end 2024 balances for the St James lighting project stood at £3,400 and the St Marks fence fund £1,800.

The Camino project in partnership with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Guildford has largely completed. We manage the finances. Funds are treated as a Restricted Fund, and at year end there was a small remaining balance of £380 (£3,900), which will be consumed this year.

Related Party Transactions: No PCC member (Trustee) has received any benefits (2022: £0), but clergy members of the PCC have been re-imbursed expenses not exceeding £3300 (£2000) in total.

Finally I want to thank other key members of the Parish finance team during 2024, including Stuart Madden, Ken Mead, and Phil Doherty and others without whose invaluable assistance managing the church finances would be much harder. We welcome Bruce Buglear to the team who has taken over as banker for St Mark's.

In summary the overall message this year is that we need to consider carefully how we stem the decline in our reserves, to enable us to continue thriving as a viable church delivering God's mission in the Parish of Gomshall, Shere and Peaslake.

Angus Denny, Treasurer

3. Electoral Roll Report

The 2024 Electoral roll numbers were 176 people from 119 households. There will be a complete revision of the roll in 2025.

Jonathan Cross, Electoral Roll Officer

4. Deanery Synod Report

It was agreed in 2023 that the meetings of Deanery Synod would be reduced to two a year, and in the course of this year we met in January at St John The Baptist, Wonersh, and at St Nicholas, Alfold in July.

The Area Dean Canon Roy Woodhams updated the meeting with "the comings and goings" in the Deanery, with vacancies in Bramley and in Dunsfold and Hascomb, and the news that Andrew Pearson would be retiring from Albury in June. The effect of all this would be that in the second half of the year, only half the parishes in the Deanery would have ministers in place.

The principal business of the meeting was to introduce to us the Youth Catalyst Briefing, aiming to be a fresh way of approaching youth work in the communities, and led by Alistair Etheridge. He explained how the project was intended to work, and then welcome Oli, the hub leader at Christ College. This went into a question and answer session from members of Synod. I need to mention that this part of the meeting was organised by the Rev'd Sarah Hutton.

Unfortunately, our meeting in July was held on a date when I was not able to be present, and I therefore missed our guest Archdeacon Catherine Mabuza, who told everyone what she had been doing within the Diocese and what she intended to do, having been in post so far only four months. She responded to vigorous questioning from members, and then asked the representatives of the individual parishes what joys they could identify and what challenges.

Our first meeting in 2025 will be on the 6th February.

Martin Betts, Deanery Synod Representative, Synod Lay Chairman

5. Sidespeople, Welcomers and Refreshments

Making people feel welcome when they come to our churches is so important. At services a lot of this responsibility falls to our sidespeople and welcomers, so we have put a lot of effort into recruiting and training these last few years. Equally important are the refreshments served afterwards.

Thank you to all of those who are members of both teams, and special thanks to Sarah Egerton (sidespeople) and Christine O'Loughlin (refreshments) who organise the rotas at St James' and Christine Harrison who does both rotas at St Mark's.

6. Families and Children's Work

Family Feast

Despite all the effort put into Family Feast activities over the last few years attendance continued to decline and last year we made the decision to stop meeting and review how best to resource this type of mission – especially to children under 11. Sadly this also meant we decided to end sooner than expected the funding of our Young Communities Leader Jeff Bartholemew.

Towards the end of 2024 we made the decision to start an after school club at Shere School in 2025.

Little Fishes

The important activity for pre-schoolers and their carers continues each Wednesday morning during term time at St Mark's at (as with all our children's activities) we are grateful to those on the organising team who make it possible.

Schools Report

The ministry team and Cathy Mead have been working hard again this year, leading weekly assemblies in both Shere and Pealake schools. General topics covered have included "Living well together", which was centred on the Sermon on the Mount with various parables, working out what they mean for us and the children today. "Growing in God's garden" was another fun topic, using stories from the life of Jesus to show how we can make the best of ourselves and how our behaviour affects those around us, while "The chef's weighing scales" showed how much God loves each and every one of us. The Church's festivals were all celebrated in style, with Easter (and Easter bonnets!), Harvest and Christmas being especially enjoyable. The children came into church at the end of each term and some came to other services too. The Christmas Nativity at St Mark's was, as always, a highlight of their year. We continue to endeavour to spread the Gospel of Jesus to the children with fun and story, and we pray that they will come to know and love Our Lord for the rest of their lives.

The Ministry Team.

7. Outreach Report

As we reflected on the Parish Development Plan and mentioned in the Ministry Report above, the focus has moved away from creating new events to draw people in, to recognising what is already happening in our community and joining in. This is being intentionally present at village community events, not just by lending a hand but being a Christian witness, opening up our sacred spaces, offering a space for connection and conversations and then see where God leads us.

In 2024 a small team group offered a gazebo space with kids' crafts, stone painting and a prayer tree at Gomfest and Peaslake Fair. In 2025 our intention is to develop this area of ministry under the auspices of our Pastoral Chaplain, Ian Gregory

Revd. Sarah Hutton, Associate Minister

8. Flower Arrangers Report

St. James' Flower Team

Luckily we still have our team of eight flower arrangers who very kindly decorate the Church for Easter, Open Gardens, Harvest and Christmas. In addition, an effort is made to ensure that there is always an arrangement adjacent to the Altar throughout the year except during Lent. These ladies are always willing to provide beautiful arrangements when requested for which I thank them most sincerely.

Lesley Childs

St Mark's Flower Team

Many thanks to the loyal team of Flower Arrangers who work hard to keep St. Mark's looking lovely week by week and for the Special Festivals. This is much appreciated by the congregation and visitors.

Anne Heyes

9. Vestry Report

St James', Shere Vestry Team Report

The Vestry Team's main function is to prepare all the items required to celebrate a Eucharist – the giving of Holy Communion. Afterwards, they clear the altar then wash up the silver and glassware ready for the next service. In addition, there is the altar linen to be washed and ironed – and in some cases, starched! When Pat Simmonds was in charge, she washed and ironed the enormously long altar cloth; happily, this now goes to the cleaners!

There are 6 members of the team which not only means we can share the workload, but becomes very useful at Festivals such as Easter and Christmas when there are extra requirements and up to 3 services in a 24-hour period.

Well done team!

Cathy Mead

St Mark's Peaslake Vestry Team Report

The 5 strong Vestry Team at St Mark's continues to run smoothly on a rota basis. As there are no washing facilities at St Mark's, we sometimes take the glass decanters home for a deep clean, but the outside tap is sufficient for washing the chalices and ciborium, with two of us long-standing members doing a fast turnaround and setting up for the extra communions over Christmas, Easter etc., and we are all adept at laundering the linen used during communion.

As most of those on the regular weekly church cleaning rota do not have vestry keys, we also tackle the vestry cobwebs and sweep the floor in addition to usual duties of polishing the silverware, estimating and counting out the wafers, refilling the port decanter and washing and putting fresh water in the other decanter, making sure everything is in its place locked in the safe ready for the next communion service.

Deb Stevens

10. Cleaners Report

Those on the cleaners' rotas continue to do a grand job keeping our churches spic and span. Their weekly sprucing ensures a clean church for the Sunday services, but also (with both churches open every day) for visitors.

The 15 stalwart cleaners on the St James' are kept hard at work by the size of the building and the increasingly large number of visitors we receive every day – but particularly at weekends.

The much smaller number at St Mark's increases the burden on those there – and additional volunteers are badly needed (please contact Helen Mills if you can help). Their task was also made harder in 2024 by the bats living in the roof!

Many on both teams have been cleaning our churches for decades and their dedication is both admirable and much appreciated.

Cathy Mead

11. Choir Report

Since the last choir report in Spring 2024, the choir has continued to enrich worship with a fine selection of music made possible by their commitment, enthusiasm, talent and hard work. A highlight of the early summer was a short informal concert of light music in St James' given after a morning service in June which included an arrangement of Irving Berlin's *Blue Skies* and a South African gospel song *Bebethandaza* (which translates as 'They were praying') brought to life with a bit of drumming on the djembe drum - now a required skill for parish organists! We were also treated to two fine solos given by Jane who sang *Silent Worship* (from the opera *Tolomeo*) by Handel and Ryan who sang *Evermore* from *Beauty and the Beast* and which was made famous by Josh Groban. The wonderful singing of our soloists and choir was much appreciated by those staying for coffee and more of these informal concerts seem like a good idea.

In the autumn the choir made a fine contribution to the harvest service in St Mark's and their music for All Souls included the opening of Mozart's *Requiem* and *The Spirit of the Lord* by Elgar and a lovely cello solo by Jenny Janse of *Litanei auf das Fest aller Seelen* – Schubert which was particularly poignant and appropriate. Advent began with a new service of music and readings for Advent in St Mark's which was ably led on this occasion by Andrew due to Doug's unavoidable absence for school duties. The music was a fine blend of ancient plainsong, Lutheran chorales, an arrangement of *Angelus ad virginum* and a lovely methodist hymn *There's a light upon the mountain* which Andrew introduced to us. The year ended, as usual, with music for Christmas and the carol service, highlights of which were Pearsall's perennial favourite *In dulci jubilo*, Peter Warlock's profoundly meditative *Bethlehem Down* alongside some deliberately chosen Christmas favourites to ensure there was something familiar for everyone to enjoy.

We have enjoyed our recent choral relationship with St Nicholas, Cranleigh and our choir joined them again for another choral evensong in January which happily coincided with their ecumenical service at which were representatives of all the churches in Cranleigh. We are not quite sure what they all thought of this heavy dose of Anglican responses, magnificats and anthems, but I think we got the thumbs-up and we enriched a very worthwhile service. The choir continues to provide music for worship every Sunday and, increasingly, the music is specifically chosen to represent the progress of the Church Year. A good example of this was Eccard's *When to the temple Mary went* and the *Nunc dimittis in Bb* by Stanford which were particularly appropriate for the Candelmas service in early February. At the time of writing, the choir are preparing for another joint venture with the choir of St. Nicholas, Cranleigh where they will provide music for the confirmation service with Bishop Andrew.

I hope this short report brings home to all of the congregation how much work is done behind the scenes by our wonderful choir and how much we rely on their hard work, talent and commitments. We'd also like to thank Cathy for looking after the music and many other little jobs, and without whom there would be much more confusion and crossed wires! We have been blessed with many new members recently but, sadly, we said goodbye to Andrew and Ryan in early 2025 as they take their next steps upon life's highway. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all that they brought to the Parish and particularly to Andrew for also deputising as organist on numerous occasions. We wish them well and hope that they will indeed be able to return and join us, as they each said they would like to, as they found the Parish and the people so inviting and supportive.

Doug McIlwraith, Director of Music

12. Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Churches

St James' Church

Thanks to the members of our Property Team who together do so much to keep our buildings in such good repair, particularly to Robert Beck and Ken Mead who put in enormous efforts during the year in initiating, mobilising contractors and implementing projects concerning the roofing and maintenance (in 2023) and the upgrading of the electricity to LED (to be implemented in 2025)

In 2024 no major projects were initiated although much effort was put in to developing the LED project. The largest expenditure (£800) was for the acquisition of a ramp to ease access to the altar from the nave and Bray Chapel.

The fabric of the church is in reasonable order. The roofing and works carried out on the north face of the chancel in 2023 appear to have been effective. The leak near the vestry at the west door was controlled by adjustment to the guttering, but additional work is being quoted for.

Routine Servicing and Inspections

During the year expenditure ensured that the high standard levels were ensured for routine servicing and inspections of the gas boiler for the heating, maintenance of the clock in the Bell tower, and tuning and repair of the organ. A fire risk assessment was carried out and recommendations made on actions to be taken for future safety. The regular check on fire extinguishers was carried out.

Goods and Ornaments

Goods and ornaments are generally satisfactory. It should be mentioned that the altar frontals should be kept in review to ensure that any maintenance is carried out in a timely manner.

Churchyard and Cemetery

The churchyard and cemetery have had grass cutting and strimming on a regular programme, with a special attempt to control the hedging on Lime Walk. Thanks also to the volunteers who spent a morning in tidying up the Churchyard to make it a splendid backdrop to our magnificent church.

Javed Kumar, Churchwarden

St Mark's Church

St Mark's Church had its quinquennial this year. The quinquennial is the five yearly detailed inspection by a qualified architect. Overall, the church is in a good state of repair but in the next year the roof of the building will need an inspection by a competent roofer. Bats continue to come and go depending on the time of year. The heating boiler was serviced last June and a Hive system to control the heating was installed in September. To allow the system to work, the broadband connection was extended into the vestry and additional electricity sockets were installed near the fuse board in the vestry.

The goods and ornaments are in a satisfactory condition. However, the white altar frontal is in a bad state of repair and it was decided that we would repair it in house. In the churchyard the cherry tree at the south side of the church had its canopy reduced early last year so its state will continue to be reviewed.

The Old School Room has had a new access door fitted. The eaves were painted last year which improved the look of the building but more work needs to be done on windows and porches.

The church has been working with the community to raise funds to replace the fencing around the Cemetery.

Finally I would like to thank all of those people who contribute so selflessly to the life of St Mark's, especially the sides people, the flower arrangers, the cleaners, the locking and opening team, Robin who looks after the clock, Chris who looks after the Cemetery and the Harrisons who look after the activities in the Old School Room and anyone else I may have forgotten.

Kate Denny, Churchwarden

13. Shere Bell Tower Report

We had a core band of 11 regular ringers, aided by 2 more who are transitioning from learners to occasional service ringers, with a couple of potential new recruits just about to start learning as 2024 ended. We are grateful for the occasional support of Sam Norman when he is home from university. We have been unable to recruit any young people to learn and it is a concern that we find this so difficult as most of us find that our own abilities seem to decline as we age. Sadly, we had to allow our former tower captain, John Parker, to retire altogether during 2024 as his health declined. He had rung for the last 36 years at St James', so this represents a significant change.

We rang the bells for 6 weddings during 2024, without needing to call for help from neighbouring tower bands. I believe that we also rang for every regular service that we might have been expected to mark, and one or two funerals in addition.

In June 2024 we entered a District Striking Competition, held at Bramley. This was the first time in a few years that we tried anything competitive, so it was more of a learning experience for a few of the band, and we came 2nd out of 2 teams in the basic "rounds" category. We were not disgraced and all those taking part enjoyed themselves, so we will be aiming to do better in 2025. Whilst I don't see bell ringing as a naturally competitive activity it was a good way to meet other ringers in our area and to give ourselves a target for further improvement in our own skills.

We also rang 2 successful quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles during the autumn. One of these was Richard Morris's first such effort, and the other allowed Andrew Baker to achieve his first quarter on an inside bell, these were two notable achievements. Barbara Norman is learning to ring advanced methods with ringers from a range of towers around the district and we are glad of her continued help and support in Shere.

In September we took part in the Heritage Open Day, giving demonstrations and talks about bell ringing to an impressively large number of visitors. And over the year our bells have been used by several visiting

bands of ringers – we are grateful for the support of the clergy when these requests come in, as there is a long tradition of ringers moving around to gain experience and skill on different bells.

The bells themselves appear to remain in good condition, and no significant maintenance problems were found in 2024. Unfortunately, the people who ring the bells seem to require more maintenance as we get older, if only we could be as resilient as the bells.

Graham Hughes, Bell Captain, St James' Bell Tower

14.Mission Support Report

Our Parish gives a guaranteed source of income to a number of charities. These are (currently): Barnabus in Manchester, the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, the Larchfield Orphanage in Tanzania and the Camino project. (The Camino project ended in December 2024 - see below). The money is paid out of the Parish's Outward Giving fund.

Barnabus - the Christian Homeless Centre supported by our Parish

Barnabus has had one of their toughest years in their 33-year history. They have experienced a massive demand for help from even more people including many families facing homelessness. It's been a struggle at times to get all the resources together to best help them. They state that, despite this, *and with particular thanks to the support of the Parish of Shere*, they were able to have what can only be described as a brilliant year where they have helped an incredible 166 people to get off the streets. Their housing team is supporting 26 people in their own homes, have 5 people in their supported accommodation and another 4 ready to move into new Barnabus supported accommodation this year. They have also helped hundreds of people to reconnect with family, access mental health, drug and alcohol support and supported people off the streets and into temporary accommodation.

They are excited to continue this success in 2025 and sincerely hope the Parish of Shere will be there with them because together they can help many more people on their journey off the streets.

Al Ahli Hospital

The PCC approved a donation of £2500 for Al Ahli Hospital and payment was made to Amos Trust in December 2024 for distribution of funds. However, as the war continued through the year Amos was obliged, through restrictions on the ground by the Israeli government, to hold back funding projects in the main Hospital itself. So, the funds were kept in reserve for when circumstances would allow for financing programmes previously carried out such as breast screening, which we previously supported. In the meantime, funds have been used to support the staff and their families living in refugee camps and to outreach temporary clinics at Rafah. It appears that despite all the problems the hospital is still operating in any way that it can. Our continuing support is vital for saving lives at an existential level. The Amos Trust Christmas appeal in December 2024 raised well over £250,000.

The Larchfield Orphanage, Tanzania

Our donations to them are primarily being used to support the orphanage's agricultural programme – which helps feed the children but also it is hoped will eventually provide extra income. Land around Larchfield has been cleared to plant maize, and work is underway to build a chicken farm. They currently have a wonderful volunteer project manager, Rob Sherman, who has stayed and worked at Larchfield several times. His efforts have significantly upgraded the agricultural programme, water storage and management. Some of the projects Rob is working on include arranging for a borehole to be drilled and building a solar farm.



Other supporters have helped Larchfield raise the funds to build a multi-purpose auditorium for which completion is expected this Summer. Once finished, Larchfield kids will have a new dining hall, which will double up into shaded classrooms and play areas. One of the existing buildings can then be freed up to admit more kids in need.

The orphanage is also now the proud owner of a brand-new minibus kindly donated by a corporate sponsor. Enjoyed by all, this has greatly increased the mobility for the kids, enabling them to be taken to outside schools and on outings.

Larchfield founder Jim Berry (a member of our Rector's previous church in Dubai) thanks the church for our support of the children - "Your heartfelt commitment to their well-being and progress means you are an essential ally and your consistency really matters".

The Camino Project

Our Syrian family – Abdulwahab and Emtithal Almidani and their son Ghaith - have settled in very well during their second year. The parents quickly learned to get themselves to their English lessons at Guildford College and St. Saviour's Church by bus; Ghaith, already fairly fluent in English, managed to pass 6 subjects at GSCE level after only one and a half terms in St. Peter's school - plus extra coaching through weekends and holidays with the team's ESOL teachers plus one Business Studies expert! He is now continuing Business Studies at Farnborough College, and he has recently completed work experience at a charity shop in Guildford. He passed the theory exam for driving but failed the driving test on first attempt. He will try again as soon as possible. The family manage to budget effectively, allowing them to save a little of their income towards the eventual purchase of a small car, which will improve their lives and appreciation of our country considerably.

Concerned that they lead such a quiet life in Guildford, and would benefit from more informal conversation practice, we ran a series of tea parties last summer with games where possible - which led to the discovery that Abdu is a champion table-tennis player! They both enjoy attending a regular skittles afternoon at Diane's church and we hope to go on introducing them to exercise/art/conversation classes, etc.

Our responsibility for their resettlement was for two years and has now come to an end. However, we have grown so fond of this family that we shall continue to see them frequently as friends and are already thinking of another summer party to introduce them to more friends.

Other Outward Giving/Support from the Parish –

Children's Society Boxes – collected a total of £1023.09 in 2024.

Food Bank – we continue to collect and deliver donated food and hygiene items to the local foodbanks, alternating each month between the Salvation Army in Guildford and the North Guildford food banks. We delivered 14 car loads of food products during the year. On a number of occasions, we also delivered food to the Food Larder in Gomshall, to add to their stocks. Our local donation points are in St James' and St Mark's, and food purchased at the Coop in Shere can be left at the counter for the food bank.

Caroline Evans, on behalf of the Mission Support team

15.Pastoral Care Report

The Parish Pastoral Group has continued to meet on a regular basis, usually about every five or six weeks. The members include representatives from across the Parish. When we meet we hear updates about those who are not able to get out and about very easily or those we are aware of who struggle at times. Usually someone is able to give an update (maintaining confidentiality) as to how things are going and if further assistance is needed. It's good that we hear about neighbours offering help and also catch up with recent activities. We keep in touch with Tanyard Hall and hear about what is happening there. The Group provides a good forum to encourage links with other Parish activities especially the popular Songs of Praise services held four times a year. These enable people who are unable to get to Sunday services to share together informally and meet up in a relaxed way.

Judy Potter

16. Songs of Praise

We enjoyed our usual four services of Songs of Praise during 2024. We marked Easter and the coming of Spring in April. In July we welcomed the warmer days of summer and then moved on to Harvest in October. We finally marked Christmas in December. At all these services a good group of people came together, some who can't manage to come to other services during the year. We are delighted to see them and it gives an opportunity for those who don't get out very often to come and chat to friends who they don't otherwise see. At the end of the service tea and cake, are very welcome!

Judy Potter

17. Eco-Church Report

We have had a second very active year and achieved our Silver Eco Church award (for our two churches) in September. Within our churches we now have Eco book baskets (small eco libraries) and in the porches we have recycling boxes for medicine blister packs and other 'Boot's' difficult to recycle products, plus Ryman's recycling (printer cartridges, plastic pens and glue sticks). The blister packs recycling is especially successful.

We have encouraged life-style audit - Alison Moulden was our guest preacher to encourage people to take part in the 'Creation Care lifestyle audit', and we have our own 10 point Community Eco Challenge to reduce our waste and carbon emissions. We ran a waste and recycling themed Family Feast.

Climate Café

Since January 2024 Eco Church (Jenny Janse and Shiona Bacon) has been collaborating with Tillingbourne Earth (Christian Staunskjaer and Suzanne Rogers) to run monthly Climate Café events for our church and wider community. These have proved popular and successful with people attending from a wide area (our villages but also, Bookham, Dorking, Guildford, Holmbury). Most events have been held in the Old School Room (Peaslake) on the first Sunday evening of the month and have a simple format of people gathering and chatting over a glass of wine or tea/coffee, followed by an expert speaker or film, then discussion. Topics have included:

behavioural change, 'no such thing as throwing away' (plastic/recycling/waste), 'No Mow May' and using our verges and gardens to help wild life and pollinators, What is Net Zero?, Creating a community garden, home energy, food and farming.

Other Climate Café events have included a Community Litter Pick and, in June, our second biodiversity survey of St Mark's Churchyard, as part of National Burial Ground Week.

Jenny Janse, Eco-church Officer

18. Safeguarding Report

The Church of England's attitude and response to Safeguarding continues to develop rapidly: this Parish, along with the Diocese, does not tolerate abuse of any kind.

As Parish Safeguarding Officer, I have been the first line of contact, together with Tim Heaney and Sarah Hutton, for any concern, however small it may seem, regarding people in our church community or parish. If any of us are alerted to a concern, we consult the Diocese's highly skilled and experienced safeguarding team for advice – we do not solve safeguarding problems ourselves - that is for the professionals.

We also keep track of people who are required to undergo regular Safeguarding Training and DBS (Disclosure and Disbarring Service) checks. This is to ensure that the highest standard of awareness and protection of the vulnerable in the church community is maintained – of both adults and young people. Melody Barnett is our DBS validator and will contact those whose DBS need renewal, now every three years.

Safeguarding Training is required for all those who hold positions of responsibility or undertake roles within the church community - including the clergy team, the PCC, Bell Tower captain and choir leaders. There are 5 different training courses – depending on the role held, – from basic understanding of safeguarding to leadership, awareness of domestic abuse and recruitment - and each course has to be refreshed every three years

About 25 safeguarding courses were completed in 2024: by PCC members, clergy, bellringers, and sidespeople & welcomers – and there is more to be done with new arrivals, and people ‘refreshing’ their training.

There are public displays of our Parish Safeguarding Policy in the churches, and on the website is a guide to how to report any Safeguarding concerns or seek help if needed.

We are well under way with the Church of England Safeguarding ‘Dashboard’ for the Parish. This is a useful online tool which helps us to keep track of all we are required to do, which covers any church activities – or non-church activities on our premises - and generates a Safeguarding Action Plan for the PCC. There is plenty to do, or re-do, as we continue to honour our commitment to safeguarding in the parish.

The PCC and the Incumbent have a duty of care to ensure the protection of the vulnerable in the community and thus have responsibility for Safeguarding. It is a responsibility we extend to everyone, and one that we take very seriously.

Helen Murray, Parish Safeguarding Officer

19.The Parish Magazine Report

Editorial (Jane Kumar)

Another year of hard work and deadlines for the team of Rev Mike Currier, Naia Edwards and our new community news collator Wendy Innes, who has nobly stepped into the shoes of Bekah Heaney. Wendy lives in Peaslake and is a great find. Rosanna Collingwood is our loyal proof reader.

The mag has weathered the unexpected sudden closure of Surrey Hills Print and we are now using an equally professional and friendly printer based locally in Merrow, Stag Print Services Ltd.

We continue to print 950 copies per month and the magazine routinely runs to 96 pages of news and information. The cover price has now been raised to £1.50 after being pegged at £1 for a number of years, with the annual subscription increased to £15

Advertising (Javed Kumar)

Advertising charges have been pegged at the 2023 level. Overall income is expected to remain steady and new advertising inquiries come in on a regular basis.

Advertisements now account for 36 pages – approximately one-third of the magazine. This balance is considered to be the maximum limit, to stop detracting from the magazine content. A comparison of previous year is shown below:

ADVERT TYPES	No. of advertisers Dec 2023	No of Advertisers Jan 2025
Quarter B & W	15	14
Quarter Colour	50	43
Half page Colour	28	26
Full Page Colour	4	5
TOTAL	97	88

Distribution (Ken Mead)

The distributors have stepped up again this last year and my thanks go to all of them for enabling over 700 magazines to be hand delivered monthly around the villages. On top of that the distributors also delivered over 1300 Christmas cards which enabled more people to know what was happening over the festive period. My thanks go to Steve and Louisa who coordinate the Peaslake distribution and to Margaret who oversees the postal subscribers who read the magazine in numerous homes around the UK. My thanks also go to Chris Capstick, who steps up without a murmur and oversees proceedings in my absence. We have had a few distributors that have hung up their boots and have passed the mantle on to new people. Special thanks go to two of those special people, Beryl Blake and Ian Allen, who between them have distributed thousands of magazines over the years and racked up many miles trudging the streets. We have a very special magazine that we are very proud of and the numerous complimentary letters and cards that I receive are a reflection as to how it is received. What a distribution team we have.

20.Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Notes

a) Accounting Policies

- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.
- The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

b) Funds

- The general reserve includes the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.
- Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. Funds given for a particular purpose are restricted to use for that purpose.
- The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

c) Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised in the same accounting year as the associated income received.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
- Funds raised by parish events are accounted for gross.
- Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

- Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised for the period of rental falling within the accounting year.

Income from investments

- Dividends are recognised when receivable.
- Interest is recognised in respect of the periods for which it is earned that fall within the accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

- Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.
- Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December. Unrealised gains are included in the revaluation reserve.

d) Resources used

Grants

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

Activities directly related to the work of the Church

- The Diocesan quota or Parish Share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31 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.

e) Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

- Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.
- No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other fixtures, fittings and equipment

- Equipment is depreciated on a straight line basis over each asset's estimated useful life.

f) Investments

- Investments are carried at market value at 31 December.

g) Current assets

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

Statement of Financial Activities

Shere Parochial Church Council

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Income from Donors					
Planned Giving	116,167	-	-	116,167	111,699
Donations	16,685	-	5,482	22,167	19,054
Collections	7,898	-	-	7,898	6,596
Wall safe	1,721	-	-	1,721	2,044
Events	-	-	-	-	513
Bequests and Grants	7,718	-	38,000	45,718	3,660
Income from Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Weddings	4,957	-	-	4,957	5,940
Funerals	6,566	-	-	6,566	5,014
Income from Property & Trading	-	-	-	-	-
Magazine	28,713	-	-	28,713	29,572
OP Rent	18,689	-	-	18,689	17,055
OSR Hire	2,238	-	-	2,238	1,869
Bookstall sales	46	-	-	46	29
Income from Investments	4,732	-	-	4,732	4,699
Other Income	571	-	-	571	3,461
Total income	216,705	-	43,482	260,188	211,210
Resources used					
Mission Support & Other					
Giving	17,645	-	1,699	19,345	22,050
Ministry Team	3,306	-	-	3,306	2,069
Upkeep of Services	3,123	-	-	3,123	3,351
Church Buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities	8,056	-	-	8,056	11,034
Maintenance and upkeep	6,671	-	-	6,671	34,643
Churchyard	7,235	-	-	7,235	4,457
Other	5,232	-	-	5,232	6,466
Music	11,688	-	-	11,688	11,768
Diocesan, Deanery & Tower Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Share	95,566	-	-	95,566	91,033
Deanery and Tower	165	-	-	165	150
Events & Christian Development	7,429	-	-	7,429	13,580
Administration	-	-	-	-	-
Administrator	9,994	-	39	10,034	9,652
Telephone / Internet	2,185	-	-	2,185	1,632
Bank Charges	397	-	-	397	457
Examiner / other	1,819	-	-	1,819	1,032
Property and Trading	-	-	-	-	-
Magazine	24,846	-	-	24,846	25,165
OP	5,420	-	-	5,420	1,503
OSR and PO	3,734	-	37,002	40,736	3,783
Bookstall	1,030	-	-	1,030	1,467
Total expenditure	215,551	-	38,741	254,292	245,299
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	1,154	-	4,741	5,895	34,089
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	1,000
Gross transfers between funds - ou	-	-	-	-	1,000
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	1,322	-	-	1,322	4,928
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets,	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	2,477	-	4,741	7,218	29,161
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	122,221	878,900	23,488	1,024,610	1,053,770
Total funds carried forward	124,698	878,900	28,230	1,031,828	1,024,610

Balance Sheet

Shere Parochial Church Council Balance Sheet for the year ending 31/12/2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/12/2024 £	At 31/12/2023 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible Assets	-	875,000	-	-	875,000	875,000
Investments	59,881	-	-	-	59,881	58,558
	59,881	875,000	-	-	934,881	933,558
Current assets						
Debtors	7,496	-	-	-	7,496	4,984
Investments	60,249	-	-	-	60,249	57,212
Cash At Bank And In Hand	22,998	3,900	33,041	-	59,939	42,646
	90,743	3,900	33,041	-	127,684	104,843
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	25,926	-	4,811	-	30,737	13,791
	25,926	-	4,811	-	30,737	13,791
Net current assets less current liabilities	64,817	3,900	28,230	-	96,947	91,051
Total assets less current liabilities	124,698	878,900	28,230	-	1,031,828	1,024,610
Liabilities						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	124,698	878,900	28,230	-	1,031,828	1,024,610
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	124,698	-	-	-	124,698	122,221
Designated						
Designated - Rectory Premises Reserve	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000
Designated - Young People	-	600	-	-	600	600
Designated - Old School Room	-	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,800
Designated - Old Parsonage	-	875,000	-	-	875,000	875,000
Designated - Parish Emergency Fund	-	500	-	-	500	500
Restricted						
Restricted - Camino	-	-	380	-	380	1,899
Restricted - OSR Wheelchair Access	-	-	998	-	998	-
Restricted - St James Lighting 2024	-	-	3,444	-	3,444	-
Restricted - St Marks Fencing 2024	-	-	1,818	-	1,818	-
Restricted - StJ - General	-	-	6,952	-	6,952	6,952
Restricted - St James - Churchyard	-	-	250	-	250	250
Restricted - StJ - Spire	-	-	3,295	-	3,295	3,295
Restricted - StM - General	-	-	922	-	922	922
Restricted - StM - Cemetery	-	-	4,765	-	4,765	4,765
Restricted - Old School Room	-	-	4,425	-	4,425	4,425
Restricted - Choir Social	-	-	979	-	979	979
Fund Totals	124,698	878,900	28,230	-	1,031,828	1,024,610

Balance sheet signed:



Rev Tim Heaney, Rector

Analysis of income and expenditure

a) Income

Shere Parochial Church Council

Analysis of income and expenditure 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Incoming resources					
Income from Donors					
0101 - PG GA (Standing Orders)	22,356 -	-		22,356	18,323
0102 - PG GA (PGS Direct Debit)	70,416 -	-		70,416	64,128
0201 - PG NGA (PGS & SO) -	-	-	-		6,235
0210 - PG NGA Envelopes and C-	-	-	-		1,420
0600 - Tax Reclaim - PG non-PG	6,428 -	-		6,428	4,068
0601 - Tax Reclaim - ex-PGS	16,965 -	-		16,965	17,523
0450 - Donations GA & NGA	3,737 -		2,431	6,168	6,794
0470 - Donations Online Giving	11,493 -		2,020	13,513	9,906
0610 - Tax Reclaim - Donations	1,453 -		1,031	2,485	2,353
0310 - Cash Collect GASDS	7,151 -	-		7,151	4,940
0350 - WhiteE GA -	-	-	-		1,458
0375 - BMF Collections GASDS /	747 -	-		747	197
0430 - Wall Safes	1,721 -	-		1,721	2,044
0910 - Parish Events - NGA -	-	-	-		513
Income from Donors Totals	142,472 -		5,482	147,955	139,908
Bequests and Grants					
0750 - Grants	7,718 -		38,000	45,718	3,660
Bequests and Grants Totals	7,718 -		38,000	45,718	3,660
Income from Fees					
1111 - Fees - Weddings - PCC	3,217 -	-		3,217	4,065
1112 - Fees - Weddings - Verger /	1,740 -	-		1,740	1,875
1121 - Fees - Funerals - PCC	5,401 -	-		5,401	4,079
1122 - Fees - Funerals - Verger / C	1,165 -	-		1,165	935
Income from Fees Totals	11,523 -	-		11,523	10,954
Income from Property & Trading					
1250 - Magazine - advertising	18,201 -	-		18,201	19,740
1260 - Magazine - sales	1,824 -	-		1,824	1,551
1265 - Magazine - subscriptions	8,688 -	-		8,688	8,281
1140 - OP Rent	18,689 -	-		18,689	17,055
1230 - Rent - OSR hire and other	2,238 -	-		2,238	1,869
1220 - Bookstall Sales	46 -	-		46	29
Income from Property & Trading Totals	49,687 -	-		49,687	48,527
Income from Investments					
1010 - Interest - Bank	759 -	-		759	614
1020 - Interest - CBF / other	3,972 -	-		3,972	4,084
Income from Investments Totals	4,732 -	-		4,732	4,699
Other Income					
1210 - Unexpected Income	571 -	-		571	3,461
Other Income Totals	571 -	-		571	3,461
Incoming resources Grand totals	216,705 -		43,482	260,188	211,210

b) Expenditure

Shere Parochial Church Council					
Analysis of income and expenditure					
01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024					
	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Resources used					
Mission Support & Other Giving					
3610 - Outward Giving - Partner 1 Barnabus	5,000	-	-	5,000	2,750
3630 - Outward Giving - Partner 3 Larchfield	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,750
3640 - Outward Giving - Partner 4 Amos Trust	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,750
3690 - Outward Giving - Other	7,645	-	1,699	9,345	13,800
Mission Support & Other Giving Totals	17,645	-	1,699	19,345	22,050
Ministry Team					
3110 - Ministry Team - Expenses	1,725	-	-	1,725	-
3120 - Ministry Team - Other	1,221	-	-	1,221	1,709
3130 - Ministry Team - Training / Retreats	360	-	-	360	360
Ministry Team Totals	3,306	-	-	3,306	2,069
Upkeep of Services					
3710 - Upkeep of Services - Consumables	589	-	-	589	881
3720 - Upkeep of Services - Printing	307	-	-	307	517
3730 - Upkeep of Services - Other	1,159	-	-	1,159	799
3740 - Upkeep of Services - Flowers	137	-	-	137	102
3750 - Upkeep of Services - Verger	930	-	-	930	1,050
Upkeep of Services Totals	3,123	-	-	3,123	3,351
Church Buildings					
4510 - StJ - Gas	2,875	-	-	2,875	4,233
4520 - StJ - Electricity	2,602	-	-	2,602	3,255
4530 - StJ - Water	187	-	-	187	201
4610 - StM - Gas	1,852	-	-	1,852	2,730
4620 - StM - Electricity	538	-	-	538	613
4550 - StJ - Maintenance / Housek	2,649	-	-	2,649	32,148
4650 - StM - Maint / Housek	4,022	-	-	4,022	2,494
4540 - StJ - Churchyard	5,760	-	-	5,760	3,095
4640 - StM - Churchyard	1,475	-	-	1,475	1,361
4580 - StJ - Insurance	3,455	-	-	3,455	3,286
4590 - StJ - Other	-	-	-	-	1,466
4680 - StM - Insurance	1,776	-	-	1,776	1,713
Church Buildings Totals	27,195	-	-	27,195	56,601
Music					
3310 - Music - Organist Fees	9,880	-	-	9,880	9,347
3330 - Music - Choir Expenses	1,618	-	-	1,618	2,155
3390 - Music - Music Licences and Other	190	-	-	190	266
Music Totals	11,688	-	-	11,688	11,768
Diocesan, Deanery & Tower Costs					
3500 - Parish Share	95,566	-	-	95,566	91,033
3510 - Deanery & Tower	165	-	-	165	150
Diocesan, Deanery & Tower Costs Totals	95,731	-	-	95,731	91,183
Events & Christian Development					
3810 - Parish Events	-	-	-	-	29
3820 - Community Engagement	1,065	-	-	1,065	2,072
3840 - Christian Development - Adult	455	-	-	455	397
3850 - Christian Development - Schools	407	-	-	407	355
3860 - Christian Development - Children & Young	5,500	-	-	5,500	10,724
Events & Christian Development Totals	7,429	-	-	7,429	13,580

Shere Parochial Church Council

**Analysis of income and expenditure
01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Resources used					
Administration					
4400 - Admin - Parish Administrator	9,339	-	-	9,339	8,960
4470 - Online Giving Fees	655	-	39	694	691
4430 - Admin - Telephone / Internet	2,185	-	-	2,185	1,632
4460 - Admin - Bank Charges	397	-	-	397	457
4410 - Admin - Stationary, Postage & Books	92	-	-	92	175
4420 - Admin - Office Equipment	960	-	-	960	55
4440 - Admin - Examiner	350	-	-	350	350
4450 - Admin - PCC expenses	20	-	-	20	87
4490 - Admin - Other	397	-	-	397	363
Administration Totals	14,397	-	39	14,437	12,774
Property and Trading					
5310 - Magazine - Printing	23,669	-	-	23,669	24,007
5320 - Magazine - Editor Expenses	735	-	-	735	670
5330 - Magazine - Distribution	441	-	-	441	397
5390 - Magazine - Other	-	-	-	-	90
4950 - OP - Maintenance	4,282	-	-	4,282	302
4990 - OP - Other	1,138	-	-	1,138	1,200
4710 - OSR - Utilities	1,805	-	-	1,805	2,436
4750 - OSR - Maintenance / Housekeeping	1,400	-	-	1,400	805
4755 - OSR - Projects	-	-	37,002	37,002	-
4760 - OSR - Insurance	528	-	-	528	541
5440 - Bookstall - Stock	1,030	-	-	1,030	1,467
Property and Trading Totals	35,032	-	37,002	72,034	31,919
Resources used Grand totals	215,551	-	38,741	254,292	245,299

Movement of Funds

Shere Parochial Church Council							
Fund movement summary							
01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024							
Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
Cam - Camino	1,899	181	1,699	-	-	-	380
OSR-WA - OSR Wheelchair Access	-	38,000	37,002	-	-	-	998
Rectory - Rectory Premises Reserve	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
StJ-Light - St James Lighting 2024	-	3,464	19	-	-	-	3,444
StM-Fence - St Marks Fencing 2024	-	1,837	19	-	-	-	1,818
General - General fund	122,221	216,705	215,551	-	1,322	-	124,698
YP - Young People	600	-	-	-	-	-	600
StJ-Gen - StJ - General	6,952	-	-	-	-	-	6,952
StJ-C - St James - Churchyard	250	-	-	-	-	-	250
StJ-Spire - StJ - Spire	3,295	-	-	-	-	-	3,295
StM-Gen - StM - General	922	-	-	-	-	-	922
StM-Cem - StM - Cemetery	4,765	-	-	-	-	-	4,765
OSR - Old School Room	6,225	-	-	-	-	-	6,225
Ch-Soc - Choir Social	979	-	-	-	-	-	979
OP - Old Parsonage	875,000	-	-	-	-	-	875,000
PEF - Parish Emergency Fund	500	-	-	-	-	-	500
Totals	1,024,610	260,188	254,292	-	1,322	-	1,031,828

These accounts as approved by Shere Parochial Church Council and dated 7th May 2025.

Signed:



Rev Tim Heaney, Rector

Independent Examiners Report

SHERE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of the Parish of Shere

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out in the Financial Statements section of this Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners in section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 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 matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 part of an independent examination.

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



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