

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
CHOLSEY
2024/5.**

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Aim and purposes

Cholsey St. Mary's Parochial Church Council (the trustees- PCC), has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Rebecca Peters, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Parish Church of St. Mary's, Church Road, Cholsey, a residential property also in Church Road currently leased to Ukrainian refugees, and the Laurence Hall in Church Road which is used for social, evangelistic and community purposes by a substantial section of the village.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Marys. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament and endeavour to be inclusive of all ages and preferences of style. To this end we have broadened our approach to a monthly all-age service (2nd Sunday) and further developed worship in the context of a monthly outdoor service (Forest Church).

By design and invitation many church members are involved in offering the worship of the church Sunday by Sunday and on various occasions through the year according to their gifting. This inclusion is of benefit to the church community as each contributor seeks the Lord for their inspiration and guidance and is also of benefit to the individuals through Christian growth and service. Currently there are three service leaders not including the Vicar, Curate, 2 regular preachers, a team of five intercessors during worship and at least twelve people who regularly offer their experience as servers at Holy Communion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith and employ their Christian gifts of the Holy Spirit as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work. Apart from continuing support for external work such as Go Mad in Tanzania, The Message Trust, A Rocha, Missionary Aviation Fellowship, and Christians Against Poverty locally in Wallingford and Didcot.

St. Mary's desires to present a strong public expression of both the word and deed of the gospel in our village community.

Achievements and Performance of our objectives and Activities.

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, Morning Prayer each weekday in church or on Zoom using the Common Worship Morning Prayer app provides a quiet, intimate and

reflective environment for worship. Likewise, the 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) once a month enables the beauty of traditional language to be fully appreciated and there is a stable and committed community supporting this service style. The main services of Family Communion, Morning Worship, Holy Communion and 2nd Sunday are well attended and have seen something of an increase in occasional attenders lately. The PCC is hopeful that this will convert into more committed membership in due course. We have seen an increase in the number of children in services, although this remains fairly low (8 to 11 on any given Sunday) despite the excellent work in Kid's Club which is carried on during main services and by means of the monthly all-age 2nd Sunday service. Our Monthly Forest Church continues at the Laurence Hall garden and has a variable number of attenders ranging from 10 to 15 adults and 17 to 30 children, often depending upon season of the year and weather conditions! Over the past year good progress has been made in continuing more intentional worship patterns within Forest Church.

Apart from Prayer in homegroups and during services there is specific prayer and intercession on Wednesday mornings at the vicarage and twice a month at 6 pm on Sunday evenings.

Our growing Music worship group meets monthly to rehearse and joins leads worship each Sunday.

Our Youth Group continues to meet twice monthly on a Sunday evening and this year a Young people's worship group has started once a month in Church. (Your Worship, Your Way).

Courses and learning experiences run during the year include Alpha, The Bible Course, The grace Course and individual and interactive learning is encouraged through a series of homegroups meeting in private homes through the week.

At present there are 89 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. Average attendance at services counted during October was 63 but this number increased at festivals and on Easter Sunday 2025 over 100 people attended. As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated 9 baptisms and 1 wedding and held 12 funerals in our church this year.

Family Worker

From January 2024 St Mary's has employed Val Bolt as our Family Worker to:

- Build pastoral relationships with families in the village of Cholsey so that Jesus may be known as well as building on and further develop existing relationships with the local schools including Cholsey Primary School. Support our thriving toddler group 'Little Fishes' in Cholsey, working with the existing team of volunteers. Work with the existing team to support the work of our Cholsey Sunday morning kid's club and Forest Church. Develop further ways to grow relationships with and disciple families (working alongside church members) e.g. parenting courses, special services, social events, holiday clubs. Promote the work with families to the Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) of Cholsey and the wider church community.

As well as attending diocesan training, delivering 2nd Sunday services and increasing St Mary's online and village presence she has this year

- Attended our little fishes toddler group weekly and Forest church monthly getting to know our families , encouraging them to come to other church activities
- Planned and delivered both” Experience Easter” and “Christmas Experience” – an interactive retelling of these stories in church, for all ages. It was open to and well attended by local schools, our church family and village visitors
- Run family activity /fun days during the holidays at various locations around the village. These have seen interaction with families who have been harder to reach within the community and are building a relationship of trust and care.

Pastoral care

Our Pastoral Care Group comprising eight regular members meets every couple of months to plan and feedback on visits to our congregational members who have reached out to us for visits and prayer. A Thursday fellowship group is in its infancy but is already successfully gaining good attendance.

Missionary and outreach work

Support for mission overseas has remained strong during the year particularly through GoMad (Go, make a difference) working in Tanzania and our other mission partners (The Message Trust, A Rocha and Missionary Aviation Fellowship). Outreach in our local area this year has been strengthened by open air services at village events and Open the Book assemblies at the local schools.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sits on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

The church building, church bungalow and Laurence Hall.

The church building is well maintained and has excellent facilities, with the quinquennial inspection having been completed this year and finding no significant items requiring attention.

The church bungalow continues to be the home for two related Ukrainian refugee families.

The church yard, presumed to have been closed in the 1950s has now officially been closed this year, is being prepared for the handover to SODC. (May 2025)

The Laurence Hall continues to be well used and is still in need of care and repair. A Laurence Hall Development subgroup has been formed, and the planning permission is to be sought so that Phase one of the refurbishment can begin. This is construction of 2 disabled unisex toilets and the function room.

Safeguarding

St. Mary’s is fortunate in having the expertise of Alex Hammond and Irene McClure working with the incumbent and PCC to oversee Safeguarding within our church. Under their guidance and encouragement, the Parish Dashboard is in good order, volunteers in all departments have been encouraged to do the requisite training and the vast majority has now been completed. Safer

recruitment practices are adhered to, and safeguarding is a standing item at PCC meetings. Regular briefings, reports and illustrative training is given to Churchwardens and all PCC members.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Mary's has warm ecumenical Relationships with Wallingford churches and maintains particularly active cooperation with Wallingford Ridgeway and Wallingford Baptist church in financing, overseeing and praying for the activity of the Didcot and Wallingford Centre of Christians Against Poverty. There is also further cooperation in staging ecumenical open-air services in Wallingford at Bunkfest in the summer and on Good Friday. St Mary's is also working with the other ministers in Wallingford, from the Methodist and Anglican churches.

Volunteers, Churchwardens and trustee members of the PCC.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, the treasurer and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met 10 times during the year and one awayday. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include vision strategy, fabric and finance, children's ministry teams are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administration

St Mary's Church is situated in Cholsey, Wallingford, part of the Diocese of Oxford, Dorchester Archdeaconry, within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, Laurence Hall, Church Road, Cholsey OX10 9PP. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

The trustees, members of the PCC, at the time of this report, were as follows:

Vicar: Rev. Rebecca Peters	Ex officio
Rev. Martyn Thorne	Ex officio

Churchwarden: Rebecca Thomasson	Ex officio
Andrew Avery (Lay Chairman)	Elected
Nigel White (Treasurer)	Elected
Valerie Bolt	Elected
Iain Fitzmaurice	Elected
Anthony Clements	Elected
Gabrielle Clements	Elected
Timothy Hammond	Elected
Alex Hammond	Elected
Rachel Kennedy	Elected
Thea Price	Elected Deanery Synod member
Irene McClure	Elected Deanery Synod member
Howard Gander	Elected Deanery Synod member

Standing Committee (at the time of this report)

Rev. Rebecca Peters

Andrew Avery (PCC Chair)

Nigel White (Treasurer)

Rebecca Thomasson (Church Warden)

Valerie Bolt

Finance

The PCC of St Mary's Church, Cholsey

Accounts report for the Year ending December 31st 2024

Balance Sheet (Separate funds)

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/12/2024 £	At 31/12/2023 £
Fixed assets						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Debtors	2,403.27	639.24	211.48	46.43	3,300.42	2,508.14
Investments	6,792.59	-	-	(40.76)	6,751.83	6,600.75
Cash At Bank And In Hand	22,930.60	46,569.34	31,517.08	(5.67)	101,011.35	78,259.62
	32,126.46	47,208.58	31,728.56	-	111,063.60	87,368.51
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	181.23	2,663.17	-	-	2,844.40	-
	181.23	2,663.17	-	-	2,844.40	-
Net current assets less current liabilities	31,945.23	44,545.41	31,728.56	-	108,219.20	87,368.51
Total assets less current liabilities	31,945.23	44,545.41	31,728.56	-	108,219.20	87,368.51
Liabilities						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	31,945.23	44,545.41	31,728.56	-	108,219.20	87,368.51

Represented by**Unrestricted**

Unrestricted - General Fund	31,945.23	-	- -	31,945.23	4,916.10
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Designated

Designated - Fifty Fifty Auction	-	570.58	- -	570.58	570.58
Designated - Flower Fund	-	12.37	- -	12.37	-
Designated - Laurence Hall Rebuild	-	39,357.14	- -	39,357.14	37,889.73
Designated - Giving	-	21.76	- -	21.76	(6,145.13)
Designated - Laurence Hall	-	3,334.73	- -	3,334.73	20,216.22
Designated - Little Fishes	-	1,248.83	- -	1,248.83	-

Restricted

Restricted - Church Weekend	-	-	296.93 -	296.93	664.11
Restricted - Family Worker	-	-	20,711.25 -	20,711.25	17,150.00
Restricted - Mission Giving	-	-	1,576.14 -	1,576.14	9,754.96
Restricted - Christians Against Poverty	-	-	5,330.13 -	5,330.13	4,786.38
Restricted - Restoration	-	-	(3.92) -	(3.92)	(22,053.22)
Restricted - Capital	-	-	3,818.03 -	3,818.03	13,018.03

Endowment

Endowment - Stevenson	-	-	- -	-	6,600.75
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Fund Totals	31,945.23	44,545.41	31,728.56 -	108,219.20	87,368.51
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

		Balance	Previous balance
Cash At Bank And In Hand			
6501: NatWest Current Account			
Church Weekend	Restricted	-	664.11
Fifty Fifty Auction	Designated	-	570.58
Laurence Hall Rebuild	Designated	-	17,799.74
Family Worker	Restricted	-	16,979.00
General fund	Unrestricted	-	(31,264.59)
Giving	Designated	-	(6,200.30)
Mission Giving	Restricted	-	8,750.68
Christians Against Poverty	Restricted	-	4,567.90
Laurence Hall	Designated	-	20,216.22
Restoration	Restricted	-	(15,086.18)
		-	16,997.16
6502: NatWest Business Reserve Account			
General fund	Unrestricted	-	9,403.03
		-	9,403.03
6503: Barclays Community Account			
General fund	Unrestricted	-	151.16
Giving	Designated	-	55.17
Restoration	Restricted	-	9,106.93
		-	9,313.26
6504: Barclays Business Premium Account			
Restoration	Restricted	-	30.47
		-	30.47
6505: Lloyds Business Account			
Church Weekend	Restricted	296.93	-
Flower Fund	Designated	12.37	-
Laurence Hall Rebuild	Designated	42.51	-
General fund	Unrestricted	5,706.54	-
Stevenson	Endowment	(5.67)	-

		6,052.68	-
6506: Lloyds Commercial Instant Access Account			
Fifty Fifty Auction	Designated	570.58	-
Family Worker	Restricted	20,558.00	-
General fund	Unrestricted	16,951.02	-
Giving	Designated	2,406.94	-
Mission Giving	Restricted	250.58	-
Christians Against Poverty	Restricted	5,226.90	-
Laurence Hall	Designated	2,978.47	-
Little Fishes	Designated	1,243.83	-
		50,186.32	-
6510: CCLA (CBF) General Deposit Account			
Laurence Hall Rebuild	Designated	39,314.64	20,000.00
General fund	Unrestricted	2.98	24,597.83
Mission Giving	Restricted	885.20	586.21
Restoration	Restricted	-	(16,400.00)
Capital	Restricted	3,818.03	13,018.03
		44,020.85	41,802.07
6511: CCLA (CBF) Restoration Deposit Account			
General fund	Unrestricted	270.06	-
Mission Giving	Restricted	-	0.56
Restoration	Restricted	41.08	294.90
		311.14	295.46
6512: CCLA (CBF) Mission Giving Account			
Mission Giving	Restricted	440.36	417.51
Restoration	Restricted	-	0.66
		440.36	418.17
Cash At Bank And In Hand		101,011.35	78,259.62

Debtors

Z05: Accounts Receivable

Laurence Hall Rebuild	Designated	(0.01)	89.99
Family Worker	Restricted	153.25	171.00
General fund	Unrestricted	2,403.27	2,028.67
Giving	Designated	275.25	-
Christians Against Poverty	Restricted	103.23	218.48
Laurence Hall	Designated	359.00	-

Restoration	Restricted	(45.00)	-
Little Fishes	Designated	5.00	-
Stevenson	Endowment	46.43	-
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		3,300.42	2,508.14
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Debtors		3,300.42	2,508.14
Investments			
6513: CCLA (CBF) Stevenson			
General fund	Unrestricted	6,792.59	-
Stevenson	Endowment	(40.76)	6,600.75
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		6,751.83	6,600.75
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Investments		6,751.83	6,600.75
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year			
Z04: Accounts Payable			
General fund	Unrestricted	181.23	-
Giving	Designated	2,660.43	-
Laurence Hall	Designated	2.74	-
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		2,844.40	-
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Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year		2,844.40	-
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Grand Total		108,219.20	87,368.51
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Fund movement summary

	Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
CHWkend								
	Restricted	664.11	1,020.27	1,387.45	-	-	-	296.93
	Sub-totals	664.11	1,020.27	1,387.45	-	-	-	296.93
FiftyFifty								
	Designated	570.58	-	-	-	-	-	570.58
	Sub-totals	570.58	-	-	-	-	-	570.58
Flowers								
	Designated	-	-	182.63	195.00	-	-	12.37
	Sub-totals	-	-	182.63	195.00	-	-	12.37
LHallReb								
	Designated	37,889.73	1,607.41	140.00	-	-	-	39,357.14
	Sub-totals	37,889.73	1,607.41	140.00	-	-	-	39,357.14
Worker								
	Restricted	17,150.00	18,277.21	14,715.96	-	-	-	20,711.25
	Sub-totals	17,150.00	18,277.21	14,715.96	-	-	-	20,711.25
General								
	Unrestricted	4,916.10	107,914.15	89,378.72	8,493.70	-	-	31,945.23
	Sub-totals	4,916.10	107,914.15	89,378.72	8,493.70	-	-	31,945.23
Giving								
	Designated	(6,145.13)	600.89	6,998.75	12,564.75	-	-	21.76
	Sub-totals	(6,145.13)	600.89	6,998.75	12,564.75	-	-	21.76
MisGiv								
	Restricted	9,754.96	321.18	-	(8,500.00)	-	-	1,576.14
	Sub-totals	9,754.96	321.18	-	(8,500.00)	-	-	1,576.14

CAP

Restricted	4,786.38	8,043.75	7,500.00	- - -	5,330.13
Sub-totals	4,786.38	8,043.75	7,500.00	- - -	5,330.13

LHall

Designated	20,216.22	10,654.72	9,885.08	(17,651.13) - -	3,334.73
Sub-totals	20,216.22	10,654.72	9,885.08	(17,651.13) - -	3,334.73

Resto

Restricted	(22,053.22)	970.13	-	21,079.17 - -	(3.92)
Sub-totals	(22,053.22)	970.13	-	21,079.17 - -	(3.92)

Capital

Restricted	13,018.03	-	-	(9,200.00) - -	3,818.03
Sub-totals	13,018.03	-	-	(9,200.00) - -	3,818.03

LFish

Designated	-	1,248.83	-	- - -	1,248.83
Sub-totals	-	1,248.83	-	- - -	1,248.83

Steven

Endowment	6,600.75	380.74	-	(6,981.49) - -	-
Sub-totals	6,600.75	380.74	-	(6,981.49) - -	-

Totals	87,368.51	151,039.28	130,188.59	- - -	108,219.20
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Analysis of income and expenditure

	Total					
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Covenants and Gift Aid	73,994.96	1,244.50	13,236.00	-	88,475.46	75,561.10
0102 - Envelopes	22.00	-	-	-	22.00	-
0103 - General Donation	1,462.95	119.59	80.00	-	1,662.54	576.25
0104 - Payaz donation	355.25	196.01	-	-	551.26	-
0110 - Offerings GADS	1,161.50	154.00	27.40	-	1,342.90	-
0111 - Donation eligible for GASDS	-	12.50	26.00	-	38.50	-
0201 - Planned Giving	30.00	-	240.00	-	270.00	-
0301 - Misc. Donations	187.46	-	1,620.00	-	1,807.46	-
0401 - Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-
0550 - Donations appeals etc	-	(449.32)	-	-	(449.32)	1,769.75
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	18,975.18	514.50	3,169.00	-	22,658.68	17,132.92
0801 - Grants	-	-	8,000.16	-	8,000.16	207.50
0802 - Misc. Income	1,277.55	206.60	892.30	-	2,376.45	1,236.02
0901 - Other funds generated	-	-	-	-	-	196.00
Donations and legacies Totals	97,466.85	1,998.38	27,290.86	-	126,756.09	96,679.54
Income from charitable activities						
0909 - PCC Allocation	-	-	-	-	-	-
1101 - Fees	1,321.26	-	-	-	1,321.26	4,855.00
1102 - Moultsford Church	112.81	-	-	-	112.81	96.25
1230 - Hire of Laurence Hall	-	9,559.62	-	-	9,559.62	9,874.15
1231 - Hire of Church	170.00	-	-	-	170.00	472.75
1232 - Coffee Shop	-	-	-	-	-	1,060.00
1233 - Bell Tower	-	-	-	-	-	218.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	1,604.07	9,559.62	-	-	11,163.69	16,576.15

Other trading activities

0803 - Receipts to Petty Cash (copying etc.)	21.58	-	-	-	21.58	-
Other trading activities Totals	21.58	-	-	-	21.58	-

Investments

1001 - Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
1020 - NatWest Bank Interest	81.06	-	-	-	81.06	112.30
1021 - Barclays Bank Interest	-	-	0.23	-	0.23	8.26
1022 - CCLA (CBF) Mission Giving	-	-	22.19	-	22.19	12.99
1023 - CCLA (CBF) General	1,447.51	472.28	298.99	-	2,218.78	1,486.64
1024 - CCLA (CBF) Restoration	15.68	-	-	-	15.68	9.18
1025 - CBF Stevenson	-	-	-	380.74	380.74	2,092.39
1026 - CBF Minshull	-	16.20	-	-	16.20	16.08
1027 - Lloyds Commercial Instant Access Account interest	186.32	-	-	-	186.32	-
1030 - Bungalow Rent	6,700.00	-	-	-	6,700.00	5,327.89
Investments Totals	8,430.57	488.48	321.41	380.74	9,621.20	9,065.73

Other income

0302 - Church events and activities	350.00	2,065.37	1,020.27	-	3,435.64	-
0602 - HMRC PAYE credit	41.08	-	-	-	41.08	-
1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	391.08	2,065.37	1,020.27	-	3,476.72	-

Income and endowments Grand totals	107,914.15	14,111.85	28,632.54	380.74	151,039.28	122,321.42
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EXPENDITURE ON:**Raising funds**

1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	-	-	- -	-	-
1702 - Fund raising costs	2.61	140.00	- -	142.61	-
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	-	-	- -	-	-
1740 - Investment management costs	-	-	- -	-	-
Raising funds Totals	2.61	140.00	- -	142.61	-

Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - PCC Allocation to Giving	-	-	- -	-	-
1802 - Adventure Plus	-	1,329.00	- -	1,329.00	1,080.00
1803 - Balsam Family Project	-	-	- -	-	-
1805 - CHOKO	-	-	- -	-	-
1806 - CHOKO Kodumela	-	-	- -	-	-
1807 - Christian Aid Week	-	-	- -	-	-
1808 - Eric Twine	-	-	- -	-	-
1809 - Go Mad Tanzania	-	1,329.00	- -	1,329.00	1,380.00
1810 - J Madinda	-	-	- -	-	-
1811 - Message Trust	-	1,329.00	- -	1,329.00	1,080.00
1812 - Missionary Aviation Fellowship	-	1,329.00	- -	1,329.00	1,080.00
1813 - Tear Fund DEC Appeal	-	-	- -	-	4,581.50
1814 - Tear Fund Harvest Appeal	-	-	- -	-	-
1815 - Tear Fund Yemen Appeal	-	-	- -	-	-
1816 - Wednesday Church	-	-	- -	-	120.00
1817 - Bound For Bethlehem	-	-	- -	-	-
1818 - Nasio Trust	-	-	- -	-	-
1819 - A Rocha	-	1,329.00	- -	1,329.00	1,080.00
1820 - Designated collections passed on	-	351.32	- -	351.32	-
1830 - Christians Against Poverty	-	-	7,500.00 -	7,500.00	7,090.00
1910 - Parish Share etc	51,113.70	-	- -	51,113.70	52,309.09
1911 - Ministry	703.03	-	- -	703.03	-
2001 - Assistant staff costs	-	-	- -	-	269.00
2020 - Salary of Family Worker	-	-	14,406.67 -	14,406.67	-
2021 - Family worker expenses	-	-	309.29 -	309.29	-
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	10,117.05	875.50	- -	10,992.55	10,794.02
2101 - Vicars Expenses	395.19	-	- -	395.19	452.43
2102 - Vicars Discretionary Fund	-	-	- -	-	-

2120 - Council tax	-	-	- -	-	-
2130 - Vicarage Expenses	-	-	- -	-	-
2140 - Water Rates - Vicarage	-	-	- -	-	-
2150 - Vicar's Telephone	72.00	-	- -	72.00	-
2170 - Education	-	-	- -	-	-
2201 - Parish training and mission	-	-	- -	-	-
2301 - Church Insurance	5,400.08	-	- -	5,400.08	5,257.00
2310 - Church Office - Telephone and Internet	709.73	-	- -	709.73	1,333.22
2320 - Organ / Piano Tuning	-	-	- -	-	-
2330 - Church Maintenance and Minor Repairs	6,120.17	-	- -	6,120.17	3,502.51
2331 - Cleaning	1,730.13	2,507.70	- -	4,237.83	4,615.25
2332 - Misc. Parish Expenses	1,113.36	66.05	- -	1,179.41	408.77
2340 - Services General Upkeep	436.58	305.00	- -	741.58	564.02
2341 - Kids Club Creche Forest Church	-	-	- -	-	46.12
2342 - Flowers	-	182.63	- -	182.63	300.00
2343 - Women's 133 Group	-	-	- -	-	-
2344 - Music Group	500.00	-	- -	500.00	406.00
2345 - Open The Book	-	-	- -	-	-
2346 - Puppets/Living Nativity	47.94	-	- -	47.94	-
2347 - Youth Group	33.94	-	- -	33.94	42.24
2360 - Administration	5,672.16	5.17	- -	5,677.33	3,428.95
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	27.00	-	300.00 -	327.00	41.50
2371 - Church Weekend Costs - excluding speakers	-	-	1,087.45 -	1,087.45	-
2401 - Church running - electric	1,800.79	-	- -	1,800.79	2,221.52
2420 - Church running - water	372.38	-	- -	372.38	50.28
2430 - Church running - oil	2,738.56	-	- -	2,738.56	2,619.36
2530 - Laurence Hall running - electricity	-	2,698.96	- -	2,698.96	3,817.49
2550 - Laurence Hall running - insurance	-	-	- -	-	-
2560 - Laurence Hall running - maintenance	-	3,188.62	- -	3,188.62	899.79
2580 - Laurence Hall running - water	-	240.51	- -	240.51	233.02
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	-	-	- -	-	-
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	-	-	- -	-	-
2702 - Church major repairs - fees	-	-	- -	-	-
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	-	-	- -	-	-
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	-	-	- -	-	-
2801 - Laurence Hall + major repairs - structur	-	-	- -	-	-
2820 - Laurence Hall + major repairs - installa	-	-	- -	-	-

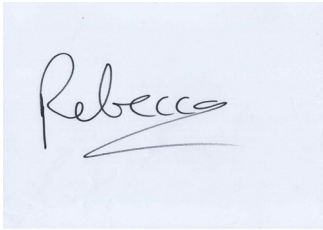
2830 - Laurence Hall + interior and exterior de	-	-	- -	-	-
2831 - Auction Refund	-	-	- -	-	294.50
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	-	-	- -	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	89,103.79	17,066.46	23,603.41 -	129,773.66	111,397.58

Other expenditure

1703 - Organist and Verger fees	-	-	- -	-	-
2333 - Bungalow Maintenance and Minor Repairs	272.32	-	- -	272.32	1,436.44
Other expenditure Totals	272.32	-	- -	272.32	1,436.44

Expenditure Grand totals	89,378.72	17,206.46	23,603.41 -	130,188.59	112,834.02
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Approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'Rebecca'.

Reverend R A Peters 16th June 2025

Vicar Date:

St Mary's Church Cholsey Parochial Church Council

(report completed 1/6/25)

Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out in the Trustees Annual Report, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Examiner

The charity's trustees, the PCC, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of an independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



David Gibbons

Date 11th July 2025