

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:

1141879

**Report of the Members of the Parochial Church Council and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

for

**The Parish of St Peter and St Paul,
West Wittering**

WEST WITTERING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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West Wittering Parochial Church Council

Report of the Members of
West Wittering Parochial Church Council

The members of the Parochial Church Council of St Peter and St Paul (PCC) present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024. The members of the PCC are the Charity Trustees.

The members of the PCC have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2014.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number 1141879

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Report of the Members of
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BACKGROUND AND GOVERNING DOCUMENT

West Wittering Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") has the responsibility under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure (1956) as amended and the Church Representation Rules of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Church of St. Peter and St Paul and the Church Room.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND POLICIES

The primary objective of West Wittering PCC is the promotion of the Good News of Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. In co-operation with the incumbent, the promotion of the mission of the church was achieved through the five **Marks of Mission**:

TELL TEACH TEND TRANSFORM TREASURE

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The members of the PCC have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and remain committed to working to build the Kingdom of God for the good of the communities the Church in this place is called to serve. Further, the wider Benefice is committed to a shared vision to know Jesus, to discover the gift of His love and to follow in His way – the way that leads to life in all its fullness. This will be realised whenever the church is felt to be 'good news' by bringing a blessing on the communities she is called to serve.

CHURCH COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

The only formal committee required by law is the Standing Committee, which normally meets throughout the year. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. Other working groups meet to consider particular tasks – such as fabric maintenance – as the need arises.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Harbour Church services have grown both numerically and spiritually. The One Church Service held every week in either St James or St Peter and St Paul, West Wittering and on every fifth Sunday in St Nicholas, regularly make the churches feel comfortably full. In addition the 8am Holy Communion on Sunday mornings at West Wittering regularly attracts 20 or more worshippers.

Harbour Churches have also continued to support families at times of loss and grief through funeral care and provision, as well as in the glad times of celebrating the blessing of life long, loving relationship through marriage and the gift of new life and faith in baptism. In 2024 there were 15 baptisms, three marriages and 15 funerals in West Wittering Church.

On Advent Sunday 2024, we were delighted to welcome Bishop Martin to a service of celebration and thanksgiving for the restoration of the church tower. He led the service and preached. It was also a joy that our architect, principal contractor and others involved in the project were able to join us.

During closure of the church for redecoration and stonework restoration in January and February 2025 we held regular services in the Church Room and also one service in West Wittering Memorial Hall.

At our main service on Easter Day 2025, the church was filled with 57 under 16's and 169 adults.

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ELECTORAL ROLL

Total of 156 with six deaths and one removed. There was one new name. A new Electoral Roll has been for 2025 with a total of 119 now on the register. This is a reduction on the previous year's figure of 154.

SUMMARY OF PCC MEETINGS

West Wittering currently has ten lay members on the PCC (Dick, Emma, Ferdy, Jenny, Lindy, Mike, Ross, Sally, Stella and Victoria). Since the last APCM held in May 2024, West Wittering PCC have held nine meetings, six of which were held jointly with Birdham with Itchenor PCC.

The average attendance rate has been 73%. Meetings have been carried out in a positive and productive manner, working towards our mission to be good news, committing to the five Anglican Marks of Mission.

Decisions and actions taken by the PCC:

- June 2024: West Wittering PCC and Birdham with West Itchenor PCC noted the appointment of Tracy Garrett to the role of Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, received feedback on the Archdeacon's Visitation and agreed to review Governance.
- June 2024: West Wittering PCC discussed finance, redecoration of the Church Room and the AV project.
- July 2024: West Wittering PCC discussed the issue of shared benefice finances.
- September 2024: two meetings related to governance and the Mission Action Plan were held by West Wittering PCC along with Birdham with West Itchenor PCC. It was agreed that work would be undertaken by an augmented Governance Group to develop a full Joint Council Scheme using the legal framework provided by the Church of England.
- October 2024: West Wittering PCC discussed finance and approved an increase in SLA remuneration for our Church Mission Worker. They approved redecoration and stonework restoration in the church and are very grateful to the Friends of West Wittering Church for funding the stonework. They also discussed the AV project and welcomed Victoria Ford Coates to fill a casual PCC vacancy.
- In January, March and April 2025, three joint meetings of West Wittering PCC and Birdham with West Itchenor PCC were held to understand church life in times of Vacancy and to prepare the Parish Profile. This needed to be approved before the post of Rector for the Benefice could be advertised. Acting Archdeacon Tom Robson attended the January and April meetings and the PCCs thanked him for his support to them and to the Churchwardens.

DEANERY SYNOD

The Deanery Synod held its annual deanery finance meeting in October 2024. The Revd Paul Doick took up his role as our Rural Dean in November 2024. In January 2025 the Synod's agenda included the Diocesan Synod report, Deanery Governance and working together and a roundup of good news from the Deanery. The Deanery Day was in June 2024. It focused on the environment and intergenerational worship.

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The following comments cover the period May 2023 to May 2024

We have been in vacancy since 7th February 2025 after our Rector, Revd Jonathan Swindells, was licensed in St. Mary's Storrington at Candlemas. Since then the three churchwardens have been charged with running the benefice of three churches, ensuring that worship continues as before and preparing the Parish Profile with the PCCs to be ready for the Section 11 meeting. At this meeting on 26th April 2025, the Profile was approved and four Parish Representatives appointed, two from each PCC. A decision was made to request the vacancy be advertised.

Throughout 2024 to the present time, Harbour Churches is living out its stated vision to 'Be Good News' as we seek to grow God's Kingdom numerically and spiritually.

The Five Anglican Marks of Mission – TELL, TEACH, TEND, TRANSFORM, TREASURE have continued to be the priorities for the ongoing process of church renewal to realise the Diocesan strategic vision for growth. Our Mission Action Plan (MAP) is under review. The main thrust of this is to improve our worship and make it more appealing to young families, and through continued growth to return to holding a main service in both Birdham and West Wittering every Sunday. In so doing, we will prepare the ground for reaching the people in the new housing estates being built in the area.

TELLING AND TEACHING: We are very grateful to our dedicated Ministry Team who have continued to develop our teaching and discipleship, for example, with a Lent course focusing on the Nicene Creed, another Alpha course and a number of 'Family Fun' activities for Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday and Easter Day so as to attract more young families to worship. Our Ministry Team comprises a licensed curate Revd. Anthony, three retired ministers – Revd Canon Bruce, Revd Jim and Revd Eric, one licensed Reader, Susan, and another member of clergy with Permission to Officiate, Revd Canon Yvonne. We also have three Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs), Sue, Mark and Claire. The ALMs have all been trained to lead worship; one has also been trained to preach; and two have recently completed chaplaincy training. The Ministry Team brings a wealth of experience and diverse ministry to the life of the parishes. They are involved in the Harbour Home Groups and participate in many benefice activities as well as providing pastoral care in liaison with our Pastoral Care Coordinator, Tracy, who took up this role last year. We are also fortunate to have Mark and Claire run the Alpha course and they achieved the remarkable number of 80 people at Harbour Churches who have completed this with them since they first began in 2016.

Home Groups: The groups are open to anyone who worships at one of the Harbour Churches, and to others wanting to join who are looking for Christian fellowship. They meet and share in prayer and Bible reading and provide support for preaching themes. There are currently nine groups and around 70 members.

Monthly prayer meetings: These prayer meetings are held in the St James Centre, Birdham on the first Saturday morning of each month. The meetings focus on intercessory prayer for the mission of Harbour Churches. However, the needs of our troubled world are not forgotten. About 30 people from across the benefice participate each month.

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS (cont')

Life Events services are much appreciated, whether or not the people involved are regular churchgoers. Our clergy take time preparing couples for marriage, talking with parents before the baptism of their children and preparing adult candidates for baptism. They also spend time supporting bereaved relatives as they prepare for the funeral of a loved one. We are grateful to our Mission Support Facilitator for the work she does in liaising with all concerned in this important aspect of parish life.

TENDING: The Bereavement Support offered through Harbour Churches has been growing during recent years. Each November we have a 'Remembering Loved Ones' service of comfort, assurance and hope. It is held in Birdham Church and is followed by a 'Forget me not Tea' in the St James Centre. At our All Souls' Day Communion service at West Wittering Church, the names of loved ones who have died are read out. The 'Bereavement Journey' course of seven sessions is run regularly in the St James Centre. With the originator and the current national leader worshipping at our churches, the Centre has also recently become the host for a charity that runs the Bereavement Journey, AtALoss, which is enabling church bereavement ministry across the UK.

As well as support in times of bereavement, we increasingly TEND by sharing God's love, reaching out to people in our communities with activities that foster friendship and companionship. We have 130+ volunteers across the benefice who support a variety of activities. These include:

Soup Lunches: These are held on the third Wednesday in the month in West Wittering Church Room.

Shrove Tuesday fun evening in West Wittering Church Room with Beetle Drive, fish and chips and pancakes.

Outside the Box - a weekly lunch club with games for seniors in the St James Centre.

The Amblers - a friendly social group, of usually 15 - 30 people. They meet once a week to have a short walk together in Birdham or nearby villages. They finish up with coffee and chat in Birdham Church Pump Café which is also open to welcome Amblers who are less mobile.

Ducklings - A baby/toddler activity and parent/carer group. It takes place in the St James Centre on one morning a week in term time.

Children and young people have a range of group activities on offer led by Alistair, our Church Mission Worker (CMW), and supported by volunteers: Connect, our Sunday children and young people's group; the Explore group for older children and teenagers discovering faith; and for our weekly Tower Groups. This area of children and youth work continues to flourish and grow, with everyone looking forward to Redlands Camps in the summer.

There are strong links between West Wittering and Birdham churches and the primary schools. School services are held in the churches and clergy and Alistair take assemblies on a regular basis. He has also run Parenting Courses in West Wittering but open to all our parent/family contacts. At West Wittering school some church members help with the school's fundraising events and the reading support scheme.

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS (cont')

Safeguarding remains an absolute priority. This year has seen a change in those leading on Safeguarding for the PCCs with Victoria Ford-Coates joining Lois Smith as Safeguarding Officers for the Benefice. Our processes have been reviewed as we continue to ensure that Harbour Churches and all its activities are safe for everyone. Nevertheless, we are not complacent and strongly believe that safeguarding is everybody's business.

Our church building is a community resource, well used by residents of local villages and visitors to the area. The Friends of West Wittering Church hold regular fundraising events in the church. Last year there was an organ recital and a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Coming up this September is Pride and Prejudice.

TRANSFORMING lives, supporting home and overseas mission and charities: We support the Chichester Food Bank throughout the year and also the Children's Society at our Christingle services and several other charities, such as My Sisters' House refuge.

West Wittering has provided longstanding support for St Paul's School in Bo, Sierra Leone. The project to build this secondary school was initiated by the church in 2006 and has drawn in members of the wider community. They have helped with fundraising and practical hands-on support for the school. Donations have been used for major ongoing school building programmes and sponsorship of children and young people who would otherwise have missed out on an education. Currently more than 2000 pupils aged 11-18 attend St Paul's.

TREASURING our environment: The vast majority of church flower arranging in Harbour Churches is now carried out without the use of floral foam, such as oasis or similar synthetic products. We avoid the use of plastic cups and use Fair Trade coffee and tea. Our Wildlife Encounter Days, based in the churchyards of West Wittering and Birdham, are proving to be very popular and are well supported by the wider non-church community with many children from our local primary schools participating. We are continuing to adopt best practice for managing our churchyard through the environmental charity 'Caring for God's Acre'. In West Wittering churchyard we have come to a better balance between meeting the needs of people and nature by having areas of longer vegetation confined to older graves not visited by relatives.

IMPROVING OUR USE OF RESOURCES: Governance Working Group (GWG)

In recent years, as our two parishes have worked more closely together, it has become apparent that the way in which we manage our administrative and financial affairs (our governance) is fragmented and over-complex. This means that too much effort is expended on administration which detracts from our focus on mission. We therefore need to make sure that we are organised in a way that makes the very best use of all our resources across Harbour Churches, while ensuring that we are consistently compliant with legal and diocesan requirements. In 2024, well before the vacancy, the GWG had been commissioned by both PCCs to start planning for an application to the diocese for full Joint Council status. This would involve the PCC of each parish transferring authority and decision making on all issues, including finance, to the Joint Council. The PCCs would then go into abeyance, but the parishes would continue as they are now. This change would need to be voted on at meetings in each parish before an application is made to the Diocese for approval. *(More information on this can be found on the Harbour Churches website)*

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

This year we still managed to achieve a surplus for unrestricted funds of £907 (2023: £13,306) despite planned (one off) church maintenance costs of £16,000. These included £12,000 for work on the tower not covered by the Woodger grant, £2,500 for a broadband internet link from the rectory to the church and £1,500 for quinquennial electrical upgrades. During January / February 2025 a further £43,000 has been spent on decoration and restoration of the the interior of the church with around half of this funded by The Friends of West Wittering Church (a separate charity).

Unrestricted income of £106,899 was up by £5,673 thanks to the wonderful generosity of our supporters.

Excluding Bo, restricted income was made up of £69,979 being the remaining installments from the Woodger Trust for the work on the tower (see note on page 18). During the year the church also raised money for West Wittering Primary School, The Children's society, The Royal British Legion, Chichester Foodbank, My Sisters' House, The British Red Cross, Chichester Hospice, Sage House, Bo Cathedral and Canine Partners as well as paying 5% extra on our parish share to help other churches in the diocese. The total raised was over £5,800

The Bo project in Sierra Leone:

Once again our wonderful village and friends came up trumps. We ended 2023 with a very low balance due to the cost of the computer lab and the 6 classroom block which completed the Senior Secondary School. However during the year we raised £36,974 and only spent £33,777 as our ambitions have been lower. The first half of the year we were fundraising for the Domestic Science Lab which cost £12,579 and is just perfect for the school. Whereas, previously, students had not been signing up for this really important course because of the poor facilities, there is now a queue. The students now have the opportunity to learn about labour-saving electrical gadgets as well as traditional methods of housekeeping, they have running water and drainage too.

The second big investment of the year was the fitting of solar power to allow the recharging of the computer batteries used in the computer lab and hopefully many more things with time. This has just been completed at a cost of £6,874.

In addition 311 children are now sponsored giving them a nourishing daily meal, uniforms, sports kit and books; and all at just £5/month despite inflation.

Looking ahead we need more book shelves for the library as an additional 700+ books will be going out next month, and we are also planning to fit the long-overdue toilets to the David Baker Hall. Before our next visit in 2026, the 20th anniversary of the project, we will be hoping to raise funds to extend the use of solar power and computers to other areas of the school.

RISKS & RESERVES

With unrestricted reserves of £69K at the 31st December 2024 and with the aim of maintaining a level of £15K working capital, there are currently sufficient funds to cover expected outgoings for the current year.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

The PCC has authority and power to invest funds in accordance with its legal responsibilities. It does not consider that there would be any benefit of such investment at the current time.

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PCC

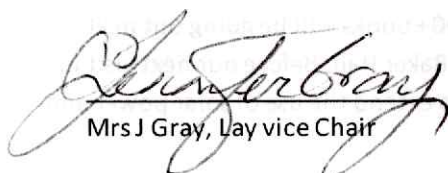
The Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 require the members of the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for that year.

In preparing those financial statements, the members of the PCC should follow best practice and:-

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue its activities.

The members of the PCC are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the PCC and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. The members of the PCC are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE PCC



Mrs J Gray, Lay vice Chair

Date: May 2025

West Wittering Parochial Church Council

Independent Examiner's Report of the Members of West Wittering Parochial Church Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination that gives 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 matter considered as part of an independent examination.
- I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 16th May 2025

West Wittering Parochial Church Council

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2024

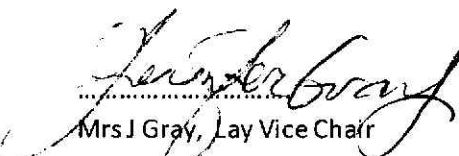
	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Incoming Resources					
Income from Donors	2a	72,873	36,416	109,289	108,945
Other Voluntary income	2b	23,575	69,979	93,554	41,690
PCC Objectives	2c	7,346	-	7,346	7,830
Generated funds	2d	281	558	839	293
Investment income	2e	2,824	-	2,824	2,102
Total Incoming Resources		106,899	106,953	213,852	160,860
Resources expended					
Outgoing Resources					
Grants	3a	5,841	34,315	40,156	82,184
Work of the Church	3b	99,992	69,979	169,971	102,624
PCC Management & Admin	3c	159	-	159	158
Total Resources expended		105,992	104,294	210,286	184,966
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources		907	2,659	3,566	(24,106)
Transfer from designated to restricted (page 18)		(2,877)	2,877	-	-
Net Movement in funds		(1,970)	5,536	3,566	(24,106)
Balance brought forward		70,916	24,127	95,043	119,149
Balance carried forward		68,946	29,663	98,609	95,043

The notes on pages 14 to 18 form part of these accounts.

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Balance sheet as at 31st December 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5a	-	-
Investment Assets	5b	-	-
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	22,721	33,771
Short Term Deposits		60,057	57,304
Cash at bank and in hand		21,441	15,142
Total Current assets		104,219	106,217
Liabilities	8	(5,610)	(11,174)
Net Current Assets		98,609	95,043
Net Assets		98,609	95,043
Funds			
Unrestricted (designated as)			
General		68,946	68,039
Designated new church facilities			2,877
		68,946	70,916
Restricted			
Sierra Leone Appeal		17,943	14,746
New Church facilities		9,759	6,882
Refugees Appeal		1,961	2,499
Total restricted funds		29,663	24,127
Total Funds		98,609	95,043

The notes on pages 14 to 18 form part of these accounts.


 Mrs J Gray, Lay Vice Chair

May 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005) and the Charities Act and Charity Law and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, subject to the departures referred to below

Planned giving, collections, donations, legacies and grants are recognised when received. Consecrated and beneficial property is excluded from the accounts by s10 (2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on moveable Church furnishings and equipment 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, whether additions or improvements, is written off when incurred.

Incoming resources

Rents received from the letting of the Church Room are accounted for gross and when the rental is due. Interest and dividends are accounted for gross when receivable.

Income tax recoverable

Provision is made for tax recoverable on income received during the year.

Resources used

The parish contribution payable to the Diocese is accounted for in the year to which it relates and provision is made for any unpaid contributions. Remuneration and amounts due for goods supplied and services rendered are accounted for when invoiced. Grants and donations are accounted for when awarded.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Realised and unrealised gains or losses are brought into the Statement of Financial Activities.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from direct taxation on its charitable activities.

Current assets and liabilities

Amounts owing to or owed by the PCC at 31st December 2024 for goods or services supplied are shown respectively as debtors or creditors. Provision is made for any liabilities known at 31st December 2024.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is legally responsible. The accounts do not include the accounts of Church groups that are administered or run by informal groups of Church members or any group affiliated to another body.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
2. Incoming resources				
2a Incoming resources from Donors				
Donations	59,310	30,139	89,449	88,712
Gift Aid recoverable	5,078	6,277	11,355	11,178
Collections	8,125		8,125	7,775
Other income	360	-	360	1,280
	72,873	36,416	109,289	108,945
2b Other Voluntary incoming resources				
Grants - Parish & Chichester Council	1,600	-	1,600	1,500
Donations, Appeals, etc.	21,975	69,979	91,954	35,190
Legacies		-	-	5,000
	23,575	69,979	93,554	41,690
2c Income from Operating Activities PCC				
Church Room lettings	2,641	-	2,641	673
Fees and benefice income	4,705	-	4,705	7,157
	7,346	-	7,346	7,830
2d Income from Operating Activities-Funds				
Deposit box for Parish Magazine	281	-	281	293
Fetes, Bazaars & Other Fundraising events		558	558	
	281	558	839	293
2e Other ordinary Incoming Resources				
CCLA Deposit Interest	2,824	-	2,824	2,102

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Notes to the Financial Statements

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
3 Resources Expended				
3a Grants				
Church Overseas	-	33,777	33,777	72,602
Home Missions/other church societies	5,841	538	6,379	9,582
	5,841	34,315	40,156	82,184
3b Activities Directly relating to the work of the Church				
Ministry Diocesan Parish Share	41,330	-	41,330	39,398
Rector/Rectory expenses	6,488	-	6,488	6,891
Benefice & Admin costs	24,384	-	24,384	26,229
Other clergy costs	2,017	-	2,017	2,233
Less Birdham & Itchenor contribution	(16,444)	-	(16,444)	(17,677)
Church Running Expenses	3,492	-	3,492	4,011
Church Maintenance	10,055	-	10,055	4,293
Upkeep of Churchyard	8,170	-	8,170	5,843
Church Room running costs	2,477	-	2,477	3,011
Salaries and associated expenses	6,050	-	6,050	6,510
Sundry		-	-	(139)
	88,019	-	88,019	80,603
Tower Repairs	11,973	69,979	81,952	22,021
Total	99,992	69,979	169,971	102,624

1. Rector's, Rectory and Benefice costs are shared equally with Birdham & West Itchenor PCC.
2. Other clergy costs are also shared equally with Birdham & West Itchenor PCC. They represent the expenses of Assistant Clergy
3. Church running costs include upkeep of services, heating & lighting and worship resources.

3c PCC Management & Administration

			2024	2023
Bank Charges	74	-	74	73
Other Admin - Gift aid envelopes etc.	85	-	85	85
AGM costs	-	-	-	-
	159	-	159	158

4 Staff Costs

Wages, Fees and Salaries	6,050	-	6,050	6,510
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Salaries include payment towards costs of the Youth Worker

	2024	2023
Number of charitable staff (average monthly number employed)	-	-
No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 per annum.		

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2024	Total funds 2023
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5 Fixed Assets for use by the PCC**5a Tangible Fixed Assets**

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The Church of St Peter and St Paul is considered to be a heritage asset, so not shown at a valuation.

Leasehold Land & Buildings comprises the Church Room in Pound Road.

The land is owned by the Diocese and as such, no value has been given to it in these Accounts.

Church equipment comprises a sound system and a projector screen, which have a nil book value.

5b Investment Fixed Assets**Value as at 31.12.2023**

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Gains on disposals

-	-	-	-
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Unrealised gains/(losses)

-	-	-	-
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Disposal

-	-	-	-
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Value as at 31.12.2024

-	-	-	-
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The investments are held to provide an investment return for the PCC.

6. Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

Held by Church of England Deposit Fund	60,057	-	60,057	57,304
Held by HSBC Bank	10,457	10,984	21,441	15,142
	70,514	10,984	81,498	72,446

7. Debtors

HMRC - estimated Gift Aid receipts outstanding	3,800	6,185	9,985	10,931
VAT Refund Due	1,371	-	1,371	3,706
Amounts due received after 31st December	11,365	-	11,365	19,134
Total Debtors	16,536	6,185	22,721	33,771

8. Liabilities

Other creditors and accruals	3,522	-	3,522	9,646
Charitable Giving	2,088	-	2,088	1,528
	5,610	-	5,610	11,174

9. Capital Commitments

There were no outstanding capital commitments as at 31st December 2024

10. Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

No member of the PCC received any remuneration in respect of their duties as a Trustee

Trustee Expenses

During the year, no Trustees received contributions towards their expenses incurred in their duties as a trustee within the parish (2023: nil).

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11. Movement on Funds	At 01.01.2024	Income	Outgoing	Revaluation	At 31.12.2024
Unrestricted Funds					
General	68,039	106,899	(105,992)	(2,877)	68,946
Designated for new church facilities	2,877	(2,877)	-	-	-
	70,916	104,022	(105,992)	(2,877)	68,946
Restricted Funds					
Sierra Leone Appeal	14,746	36,974	(33,777)	-	17,943
Refugees Appeal	2,499	-	(538)	-	1,961
New Church Facilities	6,882	2,877	-	-	9,759
Tower Repairs	-	69,979	(69,979)	-	-
	24,127	109,830	(104,294)	-	29,663
Total Funds	95,043	213,852	(210,286)	(2,877)	98,609

Designated Funds

The Designated New Facilities Fund

This fund was opened with a 2015 donation from the Parish News (£5,395) and is designated to go towards the provision of new facilities and decoration for the Church. The aim is to make the church more friendly and appealing for services and more practical for hosting community events. The amount outstanding (£2,877) has been transferred to a restricted fund for the provision of an AV system for the church.

Restricted Funds

The Sierra Leone Appeal Fund was set up in 2006 when the Church agreed to raise funds to build and support a school in Bo, Sierra Leone, inviting the village to be involved. The school named St Paul's School has grown significantly since then thanks to support from people in the village and from further afield.

The New Church Facilities fund is made up of donations to go towards the AV system.

Tower Repairs

Following the discovery of water leaking into the tower apex, a programme of repair and restoration was initiated: new oak shingles (tiles) to tower roof, new oak louvres, stonework repairs, re-gilding of cockerel weathervane, new gilded N, S, E and W letters, leadwork at base of weathervane. When approached for help with the cost, the F Glenister Woodger Trust very generously contributed £92,000. The whole project was finally completed just before Easter 2024.