

APCM

For the display of God's splendor



St Swithin's Walcot
23 March 2025 - 4.30pm

Rector's Report

Tim Gleghorn

Gratitude continues to be at the heart of the life of St Swithin's. As we each reflect on 2024, some of us will have had joyous years, some will have endured grief and loss, some will have had a quiet year of service and faithfulness, some of new opportunities, but all of us will have lived and journeyed with '*the God who is for us, is with us and in us*'. That truth, that we joyously celebrate at Christmas, with Jesus' coming to us in the incarnation, shapes every Christian life.

Everyone will have some story to tell of God's presence in our lives in 2024. Our vision is '*To display God's Splendour*', so where you have seen, witnessed or experience God's work in the world, please don't shy away from celebrating, giving thanks and giving glory to God; it will grow your faith and encourage other people around you.

So, thank you to everyone who has played their part in the life of St Swithin's this year, whether praying, organising, texting, encouraging, worshipping, cooking, cleaning, making tea, tech-ing, welcoming, serving, stewarding, reaching out, meeting, scooping others up. Every small and large act of loving service makes a real difference. Our obedience counts. Thank you too, to the Collies, who headed to Northern Ireland with our blessing, after 7 years of faithful service.

Our Sundays in 2024 were focussed on overcoming the Seven deadly sins, celebrating all God's goodness during the summer (while we were away!) and discovering more of the whole story of Scripture in the autumn. There is plenty of opportunity for us to grow in the height, breadth, depth or width of God's love. There is more.

I had the privilege of a Sabbatical this Summer, so a particular thank you to friends far, near and wide who went the extra mile to make that possible. The time was a gift on so many levels, and coming out of it was an increased focus on things of primary importance. So we prioritised our prayer life in the Autumn and in 2025 we will focus our Sunday mornings on the person of Jesus in the book of Mark. There is much for us to discover and re-discover.

There is a real urgency for us to meet the worshipping, missional and discipleship challenges together in 2025 and not to hide away. We worship a big God who is able, and as we offer ourselves in hunger and humility, we pray that God would continue to fan into flame the gift of St Swithin's. As we walk forwards in the power of the Spirit with the 'God who is for us, the God who is with us, and the God who is in us', may that truth alone shape our lives to a greater extent in 2025 so that we shine brightly in a world that is looking for healing and hope in Christ.



Warden's Report

Becs Armstrong & Alastair Gibson

Looking back over the past year, there's so much to be thankful for.

We're deeply grateful to Tim and Jo for their faithful and compassionate leadership, and for the blessing of rest and refreshment during Tim's sabbatical last summer. Huge thanks also to our staff team—Bryony, Suzi, and James—for their dedication and service over the past year, and our prayers for God's blessing on each of them and their families, including the Collies now in their new home in Northern Ireland. A heartfelt thank you also to our PCC members for all they do to support both the operations and ministry of St Swithins, and to the many volunteers who give their time so generously each week — you are truly valued and appreciated.

We've been able to share time together as a church family, including on our September away day in Batheaston, and at a surprisingly sunny New Wine last summer. Around 40 of us camped together, with more joining for the day, and we were blessed not only with good weather but also with inspiring teaching for adults, youth and children, as well as having time to encourage and enjoy one another's company. It's also been wonderful to welcome new members of our church family this year – we're so glad you've joined us.

As well as our regular Sunday and midweek services, it's been wonderful to welcome visitors for Christmas and other special events. We're also grateful that our church doors are open to the wider community throughout the week—for the café, toddler groups, book signings and many other events.

Life groups continue to meet at different times throughout the week across the city. They're a vital part of church life, helping us to strengthen community, grow in faith and support one another as we see God answering our prayers in so many ways. If you're not yet part of a small group and would like to be, please do let us know!

Our prayer for the coming year is that we would continue to grow not only in numbers but also in our faith, that we would be a Spirit-led, Christ-like community full of grace and truth, confident to step into the good plans God has for each of us and to share His love with those around us.

Children's & Youth Ministry

Suzi Darwin

Bubbles (Ages 2 – Reception)

We are thrilled to have relaunched our Bubbles group this year, following a rise in the number of children in this age range—what a blessing! However, we are in urgent need of more volunteers. Please pray for additional team members, as our current numbers make it difficult to run sessions every week. This is particularly challenging for parents of toddlers who are also on the rota.

Splash (Reception – Year 3)

This term, Splash has been journeying through a series on the life of Jesus, leading up to Easter. It has been wonderful to focus on key events from His life, helping the children grow in their understanding of His character and love for them. Please pray that they continue to develop a deeper love and knowledge of Jesus.

Lightsharers (Year 3 – Year 6)

On Sunday mornings, Lightsharers have been following the same series as Splash, exploring the life of Jesus in a way that is tailored to their age group. Our prayer is that their learning goes beyond head knowledge and truly takes root in their hearts. Please join us in praying that they develop a real and personal understanding of who Jesus is.

Ignite (Year 7 – Year 11)

Ignite meets on Sunday mornings, once a month on a Friday evening at St Swithin's, and also takes part in a citywide youth night called A2.

On Sunday mornings, they have been working through the new Alpha Youth videos, which have sparked meaningful discussions and challenges. This has been a key opportunity for them to explore their beliefs and make personal faith decisions. Please pray that the Holy Spirit continues to move among them as they grow in faith.

Our Friday nights have been a fantastic time of fellowship and fun, creating a safe space for the youth to build trust with one another and their leaders. Recently, at a citywide youth event called *Deeper*, we had the privilege of

hearing from Elle Limebear, Jesse Fellingham, Sarah Yardley, and Xenia, who led an incredible night of worship and teaching about going deeper with God. It was truly inspiring to see young people across the city seeking more of Him!

Toddler Group

Our toddler group is thriving! We are so encouraged by its growth and the wonderful opportunity it provides to build relationships within our local community. It has been a blessing both to the families who attend and to our team.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the children at St Swithin's—that they would enjoy their time with us and have open hearts to what God wants to teach them.

Pray for wisdom for our leaders, that they would be able to communicate God's message in engaging and age-appropriate ways.

We are in need of more volunteers across all teams. Please pray for people with a heart for children's ministry to come forward, so we can provide a rich and varied experience for the children in our care.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers!



Financial Update

David Chambers

Overall, we ended the 2024 financial year with an operating surplus of £12K achieving our goal of funding our running costs from regular income. Additionally, we have invested around £38K of our planned 50K on various building improvements; carpeting/repainting downstairs, installing LED lights and refurbishing windows. This is despite the £8K additional cost of repairing the lead roof, the rest being met by an insurance claim.

Our income was greatly boosted by Hall rental of £28,461 – more than £10K over budget – together with continued letting of the café which brought in £14,314 (of which about half is spent on higher utility bills). Planned and one-off donations (together with Gift Aid) are up from £135K to £158K.

Measures have been taken to reduce costs, especially gas and electricity, by more closely monitoring/controlling energy usage and installing more efficient freezers and low power LED lights.

The PCC has approved a budget for 2025 which includes £5,000 of measures identified in a recent fire risk assessment and £6,000 of work identified in the architect's quinquennial survey report. We intend to continue our investment program including further refurbishment of external windows and installation of fixed video cameras for live-streaming.

I would like to thank all those who support St Swithins through donations and by volunteering, and to the staff and others who support church operations behind the scenes. This will be my last year as Treasurer during which it has been a pleasure to work alongside the staff team, PCC and congregation in such a thriving environment.

	Bal b/fwd 1/1/24 (£)	Income & Gains (£)	Expenditure & Losses (£)	Bal c/fwd 31/12/24 (£)
Unrestricted				
Unrestricted PCC General Fund	200,763	261,387	(286,915)	175,235
Buildings Maintenance Designated Fund	19,000	-	-	19,000
Restricted				
Overseas Mission	13,881	-	-	13,881
Endowment				
Monument Fund	9,051	-	-	9,051
Total Funds	242,695	261,387	(286,915)	217,167

The PCC

Anne Cameron

PCC Membership 2024/2025

Ex Officio members: Tim Gleghorn (Rector), Rebecca Armstrong (Churchwarden), Alastair Gibson (Churchwarden)

Elected members: Brenda Carter, David Chambers (Treasurer), Dan Darwin, Matthew Judd, Andy Waterman

Secretary: Anne Cameron

PCC meets every other month; discussions this year have focussed significantly on ongoing renovations to the church building, and it has been encouraging to see the results of renovations to the crypt, which included replacing the floor, redecorating and installing LED lighting. Many thanks to all who have supported this work.

The PCC have received regular financial reports from David Chambers (Treasurer) and operations updates from the Operations Committee. We are grateful to all of them for their hard work and clear information.

The PCC supported lots of the initiatives this year and planned for the year ahead, including the Summer Series for Life Groups, and the Church Away Day in September. The PCC would like to thank everyone involved in giving their time to help the community of St Swithin's grow and thrive in the past year.

The PCC will be having an Away Morning in May to pray together and discuss the church's vision for the coming year and the next phase of the renovations. We are particularly interested in how our vision will develop over the coming years as our site develops and we look to expand our outreach. Prayer for these plans is greatly appreciated!

We thank those who are stepping down from the PCC this April for their service. Prayer would be welcomed for any new members elected at the APCM and for the year ahead that we can continue the good work of St Swithin's.



Church Operations

Alastair Gibson

You may not be aware of just how much goes on ‘behind the scenes’ to keep a church like St Swithin’s operating! The PCC has overall responsibility but, a few years ago, we set up an Operations Committee, which reports to the PCC, to deal with the ‘nitty gritty’ aspects of church life, such as finance, building management and policies. Its members comprise the Rector, Churchwardens, Treasurer and Operations Manager.

The last year has been very busy! Here’s a snapshot of some aspects:

- A review and ‘overhaul’ of church policies, which is ongoing. These cover such matters as Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Social Media and Finances.
- A Fire Risk Assessment by an independent assessor, leading to the preparation of a new Fire Safety Policy, and guidelines for external users. Some alteration and improvement works to the building are also required, which are in the process of being implemented.
- Works to the roof above the vestry after theft of lead. Plaster repairs and redecoration of North stairwell.
- External painting of the windows on the south side of the church. Some additional stone repairs revealed by high level inspection off scaffolding.
- Repair of stone parapet above (old) church office and plaster repairs and painting of south stairwell.
- Replacement of carpeting in crypt with LVT.
- Programme of replacing light fittings with LED’s.
- Obtaining faculty approval for a new serverly in the main body of the church.

In addition, we had our five-yearly inspection (quinquennial) by the Church Architect this year. This confirmed that the church is generally in good condition but, inevitably with a building of this age, there is some more

work required. This is being included in a three-year maintenance and upgrade plan.

My thanks to the members of the committee for their hard work in ensuring that we responsibly steward the resources that we have been entrusted with, both in terms of the church building and the giving of church members.

Please contact me if you would like further detail on any aspect.



Open Door

Janet Cornish, Sandy Gooding and Melanie Wortham

This is our new name for a group that's been meeting for a while but we hope it reflects more accurately what we are about rather than 'Midweek Gatherings'. We meet on an ad hoc basis and all are welcome if you happen to be free during the day, usually but not always on a Monday.

Over the last year our afternoons have covered a wide range of topics including Deaf Awareness, watching the films 'The Two Popes' and 'One Life', sharing ideas about prayer, afternoon tea with musical accompaniment from one of our teenage youngsters, our Christmas Celebration meal with carol singing and hearing Tim's sabbatical reflections. Oh, and we had a day out to the American Museum where Nicola gave us a guided tour of the garden. All our events include tea and cake and we hope the new name reflects the fact we really are open to anyone joining us whether you're a member of St Swithins or if you have a friend, neighbour, colleague or family member you think might appreciate some hospitality and input!!

Sandy, Melanie and Janet would be very happy to tell you more if you have any questions. The door is always open.



Come to the Table

Nicola Stuffins

We continue to meet on the first Wednesday each month, at Midday, for a simple service of Holy Communion followed by lunch together. Our numbers have been growing over the last year and we have a faithful group of around 12 who join us regularly. To minimise the impact on the Honey Café we now prepare and serve our lunch upstairs. With our new arrangement we move from sharing the Lord's supper together at the front of the church to sitting around tables at the back of the church which beautifully echoes our fellowship and community together in Jesus.

In 2024 our teaching was centred around the theme "Follow me" using lessons on discipleship from Mark's Gospel. In 2025 we have the theme "Real wisdom for real life" based on Proverbs. It has been lovely to give some church members the opportunity to preach for the first time to a small and welcoming congregation. We have also appreciated Peter Norman's regularly leading our communion service, particularly his committed support during Tim's sabbatical.

I also have to mention the lunch which is always delicious and say thanks to Janet Cornish for cooking our soup and sweet things and Jenny Griffiths (Snr) for her practical help serving and tidying up. If you are free on a Wednesday lunchtime do come and join us around the table.



The Prayer Tree

Brian May

The 'Prayer Tree' has had quite a busy year with requests coming in spurts then a few weeks of silence. What always puzzles me is when I hear of church members having falls or illness and yet they do not seek the power of prayer. For me to hear about someone needing prayer is not enough, I need their approval to publicise it on the prayer tree.

At the time of writing I have been preparing for our 'Life Group' and was reading Acts 4:23-31. When the believers prayed, first they praised God. Then they told God their specific problem and asked God for help. They did not ask God to remove the problem, but to help them deal with it. This is a model for us to follow when we pray. We may ask God to remove our problems, and he may choose to do so, but we must recognise that often he will leave the problem in place and give us the grace to deal with it.

At present we have a team of twenty five mostly using Whatsapp, which gives instant access. We could always do with more people in our group so if you feel that little 'ding' will not upset your day, please text 07974387782 giving your name and number to me, Brian May.



Global Partners' Update

Brenda Carter, Nicola Stuffins, Rosemary Bird

After three years of leading our Global Partners team, we recognise the need to make some changes.

We have held regular events throughout this time; inviting representatives of our Global Partners to join us when possible, to learn more of the work they are doing in different parts of the world and to pray for them.

In order to more effectively engage the church membership with this important aspect of our church life, we are reducing the number of Global Partners to the four with whom we have strong relationships plus one local partner (see below). We believe this will enable us to build stronger and deeper relationships with them, both prayerfully and financially, and hopefully engage many more church members.

- We look forward to welcoming our partners during 2025 whenever they are able to join us.
- We plan to help church members to connect with our Partners via WhatsApp Broadcast (where no reply is necessary), Facebook, or newsletters.
- We encourage life groups to adopt a partner, get to know them and pray for them.
- We hope to keep the church family up to date in 'Connected' and also to have a 'Mission Sunday'.
- The team is happy to visit a life group to give a fuller picture of our partnerships.

If you would like to join the team, please speak to Brenda or Nicola.

Our Global Partners;

Paul & Alison Guinness. Burundi. Leadership training in mobilising mission worldwide.

Katia Rock. Brazil. Church planting. Evangelism.

CHIT. Children's Home. India. Christ-centred residential care and education.

The Warehouse. South Africa. Serves the Church in its response to poverty, injustice and division.

Local Partner: Genesis. Support for homeless and vulnerable people.

Near Neighbours Update

Keith Stuffins

In this year's report I've chosen to focus on the activities of "Wild Walcot".

Wild Walcot was set up to link together all the green corners in this urban corridor of Walcot Street, as well as encouraging the establishment of any new ones.

Opposite Harvest is a small community garden, which was the first area to be nurtured by Wild Walcot. The small trees, shrubs and herbaceous planting, among benches, raised beds and pallet fences, make a much-used oasis for passers-by.

The community-minded staff at Age UK in Beehive Yard have put in two beehives opposite their office. The profits from the honey they are now selling is donated to Wild Walcot to buy more plants.

Up and down the street there are around ten wooden planters, which get restocked each year. As well as furthering the greening of the street visually, our pollinators are also encouraged.

Jeanette is doing her bit for Wild Walcot by successfully re-wilding her back garden (which exits onto Walcot Street). In June I was strimming her lawn. When I raked up the long grass I found I had cut down a tall flowering spike of a bee orchid. The orchid tuber must have been under the lawn for over forty years waiting to flower!

At the entrance to Walcot Gate is Walcot Chapel. Enthusiastic near neighbours are putting in effort to turn the graveyard they look at into a wild flower meadow.

Less visible from the street is the St. Swithin's wild flower meadow, in the corner of the south garden. Our Wild Church children very successfully sowed yellow rattle seeds. In summer '24 there was a brilliant showing of this vital meadow plant.

Then at the top of the street we link up with the big green space of Hedgemead Park. The Friends of Hedgemead Park have a band of volunteers who do great work for the community. As well as offering my input, I get lots out of being part of this community in Walcot Street.

".....all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together." Colossians 1:16-17



CreativityInAction

Sheila Andrews

Last June I put on an Art Show, **CreativityInAction** together with Pete Rogers and Nicola Stuffins.

We were able to include all 22 exhibits showing a wide range of entries from painting, drawing, printing, installations, arts and craft, a light show and more in the church auditorium.

It was amazing.

Five of the entries were from the talented young people in the church.

We had over a hundred visitors and many new connections were made amongst the Artists and visitors.

Than you all so very much for your support of this venture.

Thanks to Jenny Griffith Snr, Jeanette Self and Janet Cornish for help with providing refreshments.



**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
WALCOT, BATH**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142099

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WALCOT, BATH**

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WALCOT, BATH**

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1142099
WORKING NAME	Walcot PCC
DATE OF REGISTRATION	25th May 2021
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st January 2024
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st December 2024
TRUSTEES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024	Revd Tim Gleghorn (Chair) David Chambers (Treasurer) Matthew Judd Andy Waterman Alastair Gibson Dan Darwin Brenda Carter Rebecca Armstrong Fay Breed (Appointed 28th April 2024) Catherine Harrison-Smith (Resigned 19th July 2024)
RECTOR CURATE	Revd Tim Gleghorn (Chair)
WARDENS	Alastair Gibson Rebecca Armstrong
LEGAL STATUS	Excepted
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Trust Deed Dated 26th January 1987
OBJECTS	Promoting in the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole Mission of the Church.
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	Walcot Church Office St. Swithin's Church The Paragon Bath BA1 5LY
PRIMARY BANKERS	National Westminster Bank Plc 250 Bishopsgate London EC2M 4AA
INVESTMENT MANAGERS	CCLA Investment Management Limited One Angel Lane London EC4R 3AB
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS	Castle View Accounting Ltd Ground Floor Offices 53 High Street Arundel West Sussex BN18 9AJ

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WALCOT, BATH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is chaired by the Rector, and in their absence the Vice Chair. The PCC has adopted a policy of having no employees in its membership.

The PCC acts as managing trustee for the following charitable trusts:

- The Hickes Memorial Fund
- The Cannings Collins Charity
- The EM Gilmore Church Upkeep and Repair Charity
- The Reverend James Hewitt Bumpstead Charity
- Bath Walcot Parochial Trusts.

In addition, the PCC has the right to nominate two Foundation governors to the governing body of St Andrews Church School. A member of the PCC also acts as trustee for Christchurch, a 'free' Church of England church within Walcot Parish.

The PCC does not have a formal induction process for new members. Responsibility for key areas, such as health and safety, disability discrimination and child protection, is devolved to specific members. Members are encouraged to attend relevant training courses, such as those organised by the Diocese of Bath and Wells, on an ad hoc basis, and to keep up to date with relevant legislation in their area of responsibility. Every trustee has completed the Church of England Safeguarding Awareness and Foundation training courses.

The PCC meets, on average, six times a year. Decisions are made on a simple majority basis. The operations committee is delegated to carry out the routine work of the PCC between each meeting. The standing committee is delegated to approve urgent issues on behalf of the PCC on any matters requiring immediate attention. It comprises the two churchwardens, treasurer, PCC secretary (or in their absence an elected member of the PCC) and the Incumbent.

The PCC has policies in place to deal with major risks that it is perceived to be exposed to, namely health and safety, financial irregularities, and child protection. The PCC has appointed Suzi Darwin as Safeguarding Officer.

Objectives and Activities

The aim of the PCC is to cooperate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

Church members are involved in a wide range of activities aimed at delivering our objectives and purpose statement. Among these is regular worship on Sunday and midweek at St Swithin's Church, Sunday morning children's groups, midweek and Sunday youth groups, midweek life groups, and men's and women's groups.

The downstairs kitchen and café area have been sublet to Honey Café Ltd, which serves coffee, cakes and lunches, Tuesday to Saturday each week. This has opened up the building and made it a welcoming community venue throughout the week and is proving to be a success.

The three staff continue to support the Rector to develop and deliver the administrative and pastoral aspects of the church.

Financial Review

The PCC has prepared the 2024 accounts on the accruals basis. Unrestricted funds show a net deficit in the year of £ 26,609 before gains on investments.

At the end of the year the unrestricted funds totalled £ 195,235 of which £19,000 has been designated as a Building Maintenance Fund by the PCC.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

At 31 December 2024 the unrestricted funds were made up of:

- Tangible fixed assets £1,271.
- CBF Investment Shares valued at £48,325.
- Bank and short-term deposits £169,586.
- Debtors £3,909.
- Net of short-term creditors of (£3,870) and deferred income of (£2,000).

Restricted Funds

Part of a legacy received in 2019 is restricted to supporting overseas missionary activities; there have been no expenses in 2024 and the balance in this fund remains at £13,881. The interest income was added to our general funds and spent on outgiving.

Endowment Funds

The balance of £9,051 at the end of the year represents the endowed Monument Funds.

Income from shares held by the diocese is required to be spent, first on maintaining the graveyards, with any surplus spent on church building maintenance. There was no expenditure required for graveyard maintenance and so all dividends received were added to the General Fund and paid out in full towards building maintenance.

Plans for Future Periods

Building and Infrastructure Review

The Quinquennial Report (five-yearly review of building condition) was completed in 2024 and the recommended maintenance has been planned in phases. There were no major surprises that would require significant previously unforeseen expenditure.

Financial Stability

Following a review of the financial position at the end of 2024, the PCC approved a medium-term financial plan with two main themes:

- 1) Invest excess reserves to repair and improve the church building over the following three years.
- 2) Campaign to increase income sufficiently to eliminate our annual deficit by the end of 2025.

We continued to invest in the building, spending over £40,000 in various improvements including refurbishing the west windows, roof repairs and internal redecoration.

The target to eliminate the operating deficit was reached in the current financial year – a year early. Hall letting income significantly increased reaching more than £10,000 over budget, combined with letting income from Honey Hut who continued to operate a café downstairs. Income from donations was similar to the previous year and is supplemented by a high proportion qualifying for Gift Aid. The PCC is very grateful to all its supporters and has been pleased to see wider community use of the building.

Local Partnerships

We remain committed to working in partnership with local communities and organisations.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has agreed that we should retain a long-term unrestricted reserve of three months of current expenditure (now being around £60,000), which is felt to represent a sensible balance between prudence and faith. This is in addition to a designated building fund of £19,000 and any restricted or endowment funds.

Investment Policy

It is our policy to invest cash balances that are not required to fund current working capital requirements with the CBF Church of England Deposit Funds. In addition, we have funds invested in CBF Investment Fund Income Shares to generate annual dividend income.

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Law and the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Law applicable to Charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

Printed Name:

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds						
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	181,219	-	-	181,219	166,415
Investment Income	3b	15,175	-	-	15,175	10,058
Charitable Activities	3c	45,496	-	-	45,496	23,751
Other Incoming Resources	3d	18,416	-	-	18,416	711
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		260,305	-	-	260,305	200,935
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of Generating Funds						
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	285,745	-	-	285,745	225,554
Governance Costs	4b	1,170	-	-	1,170	1,140
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		286,915	-	-	286,915	226,694
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(26,609)	-	-	(26,609)	(25,759)
Funds Brought Forward		219,763	13,881	9,051	242,695	264,391
Gains/(Losses) on Investments	9	1,082	-	-	1,082	4,063
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		194,235	13,881	9,051	217,167	242,695

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Dec-24 £	Total 31-Dec-23 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	1,217	-	1,217	2,433
Investments	9	39,274	9,051	48,325	47,243
Total Fixed Assets		40,490	9,051	49,541	49,676
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	11	3,910	-	3,910	1,899
Cash at Bank and in Hand	10	155,705	13,881	169,586	200,756
Total Current Assets		159,615	13,881	173,496	202,655
Creditors: Amounts due within one year	12	5,870	-	5,870	9,636
NET CURRENT ASSETS		153,745	13,881	167,626	193,019
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		194,235	22,932	217,167	242,695
Creditors: Long Term Liabilities	13	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		194,235	22,932	217,167	242,695
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		175,235	-	175,235	200,763
Designated Funds	6	19,000	-	19,000	19,000
Restricted Funds	7	-	13,881	13,881	13,881
Endowment Funds	8	-	9,051	9,051	9,051
Total Funds		194,235	22,932	217,167	242,695

Approved by the Trustees on

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

Printed Name:

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1st January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Changes in Accounting Policies and Methods of Accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (variation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

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

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Incoming Resources (Continued)

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at Directors' best estimate of market value.

Investment Income

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted Funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities. These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its 'free reserves' as disclosed in the trustees' report.

Restricted Funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated Funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Endowment Funds

These are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Pensions

The church operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are accounted for as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Parish Share

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixture, Fittings & Equipment Cost	10% - Straight Line Basis
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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Fixtures Fittings & Equipment £	Total 2024 £
Cost	01-Jan-24	13,342	13,342
Additions		-	-
Net Book Value at	31-Dec-24	13,342	13,342
Depreciation	01-Jan-24	10,909	10,909
Charge		1,216	1,216
Depreciation at	31-Dec-24	12,125	12,125
Net Book Value	31-Dec-24	1,217	1,217
Net Book Value	31-Dec-23	2,433	2,433

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st December 2024: None

31st December 2023: None

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies					
Church House Trust	15,600	-	-	15,600	18,100
Collections	655	-	-	655	1,552
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	28,084	-	-	28,084	21,117
Gifts & Donations	12,958	-	-	12,958	21,263
Grant Income	4,627	-	-	4,627	959
Legacies	-	-	-	-	359
Planned Giving	119,295	-	-	119,295	103,065
	181,219	-	-	181,219	166,415
b) Investment Income					
Dividends	5,315	-	-	5,315	5,365
Interest	9,860	-	-	9,860	4,693
	15,175	-	-	15,175	10,058
c) Charitable Activities					
Church Events	1,547	-	-	1,547	647
Fees Paid to PCC	1,174	-	-	1,174	1,352
Letting of Church Building	42,776	-	-	42,776	21,752
	45,496	-	-	45,496	23,751
d) Other Incoming Resources					
Insurance Claim	18,373	-	-	18,373	-
Sundry Income	43	-	-	43	711
	18,416	-	-	18,416	711

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities						
Building Running & Maintenance Costs		103,718	-	-	103,718	47,714
Church Events		1,850	-	-	1,850	1,862
Clergy & Staff Costs	15	64,890	-	-	64,890	67,158
Depreciation Expense	2	1,216	-	-	1,216	1,216
Donations & Grants	5	13,249	-	-	13,249	12,976
Fees to Diocese		-	-	-	-	434
Ministry & Administrative Costs		6,937	-	-	6,937	7,236
Parish Share		93,254	-	-	93,254	84,522
Sundry Expenses		374	-	-	374	1,088
Training Costs		256	-	-	256	1,348
		285,745	-	-	285,745	225,554

b) Governance Costs

Independent Examiners Fees	12	1,170	-	-	1,170	960
Legal & Professional Fees		-	-	-	-	180
		1,170	-	-	1,170	1,140

5. DONATIONS & GRANTS TO CHARITIES

The PCC has a policy of making grants to Christian missionary organisations and charities. The grants and pledges are analysed below:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Burundi Mission	840	-	840	1,070
Children's Homes in India Trust	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Church Mission Society	3,000	-	3,000	3,560
Churches Ministry among Jewish People	504	-	504	504
Genesis Trust	504	-	504	504
STEPS UK	-	-	-	250
Tearfund	504	-	504	504
The Warehouse Trust	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Urban Saints	252	-	252	-
Various Gifts	1,141	-	1,141	80
Wycliffe Bible Translators	504	-	504	504
	13,249	-	13,249	12,976

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6. DESIGNATED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Jan-24	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Dec-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Building Maintenance Fund	19,000	-	-	-	19,000
	19,000	-	-	-	19,000

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Jan-23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Dec-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Building Maintenance Fund	19,000	-	-	-	19,000
	19,000	-	-	-	19,000

The PCC has designated funds from ordinary Unrestricted Funds. The Buildings Maintenance Fund has been designated to meet the future planned maintenance costs for St Swithins Church.

Designated Funds are wholly represented by the Charity's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

7. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Jan-24	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Dec-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Overseas Mission Fund	13,881	-	-	-	13,881
	13,881	-	-	-	13,881

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Jan-23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Dec-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Overseas Mission Fund	13,881	-	-	-	13,881
	13,881	-	-	-	13,881

The Overseas Mission Fund represents a restricted legacy that must be used to support Overseas Mission activities.

The Restricted Funds are wholly represented by the Charity's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

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8. ENDOWMENTS FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Jan-24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Dec-24 £
Memorial Fund	9,051	-	-	-	9,051
	9,051	-	-	-	9,051

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Jan-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Dec-23 £
Memorial Fund	9,051	-	-	-	9,051
	9,051	-	-	-	9,051

The Endowment was provided to the Charity as a Permanent Endowment and Total Return Investment. The income and realised gains derived from the Endowment can be used by the Charity to fund repairs and maintenance of St Swithins Church to the extent that the designated graves have been kept in a reasonable condition of repair.

The Memorial Fund represents the permanent endowment for maintenance of certain graves and monuments located in the closed cemetery at Lansdown. The income from the endowment is available to fund repairs and maintenance of St Swithins Church to the extent that the designated graves have been kept in a reasonable condition of repair.

Endowments Funds are wholly represented by the Charity's Fixed Asset Investments and are to be expended as specified above.

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9. INVESTMENTS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Jan-24 £	Profit/(Loss) On Investment £	Additions/ (Disposals)	Balance 31-Dec-24 £
CBF Investment Fund	47,243	1,082	-	48,325
	47,243	1,082	-	48,325

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Jan-23 £	Profit/(Loss) On Investment £	Additions/ (Disposals)	Balance 31-Dec-23 £
CBF Investment Fund	43,181	4,062	-	47,243
	43,181	4,062	-	47,243

		CBF Investment Fund £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Balance 31-Dec-24 £
Market Value	01-Jan-24	47,243	38,192	9,051	47,243
Additions		-	-	-	-
Disposals		-	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Investments		1,082	1,082	-	1,082
Market Value	31-Dec-24	48,325	39,274	9,051	48,325

CBF Investment Fund

The Charity holds investments with the CBF Investment Fund and the original indexed book investment as at the 1st January 2024 was £47,243.77. The Charity holds 2089.92 Shares with the CBF Investment Fund with a mid market value of £23.1227 per share and a balance of £48,324.59 as at the 31st December 2024.

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10. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Dec-24 £	Total 31-Dec-23 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	155,705	13,881	169,586	200,756
	155,705	13,881	169,586	200,756

11. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Dec-24 £	Total 31-Dec-23 £
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	2,374	-	2,374	1,834
Sundry Debtors	1,536	-	1,536	65
	3,910	-	3,910	1,899

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Dec-24 £	Total 31-Dec-23 £
Deferred Income	2,000	-	2,000	2,434
Independent Examiners Fees	1,170	-	1,170	960
Sundry Creditors	2,700	-	2,700	6,242
	5,870	-	5,870	9,636

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The Charity held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial year.

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Dec-24 £	Total 31-Dec-23 £
Fixed Assets	40,490	9,051	49,541	49,676
Net Current Assets	153,745	13,881	167,626	193,019
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	194,235	22,932	217,167	242,695

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15. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Gross Wages, Salaries & Fees	54,641	56,830
Employer's National Insurance Costs	4,370	4,317
Pension Contributions	5,880	6,011
	64,890	67,158

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
Charitable Activities	3	3

The Charity operate a PAYE Scheme to pay all employed members of staff and no members of staff received emoluments of over £60,000 (2022:None).

The PCC makes a 10% employers contribution to a defined contribution pension scheme for 3 employees (2023: 3 employees).

The PCC consider themselves to be the key management personnel of the charity. No benefits were paid to key management personnel of the charity during the year (2023:None)

16. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year Mrs Bryony Waterman (Spouse to Trustee Mr Andy Waterman) received £16,538 (2023:£15,750) in staff costs in relation to administrative services provided to Walcot PCC in furtherance of the Charity's objects. All conflicts of interest have been identified, documented and managed in accordance with the Charity's Governing Document.

During the financial year Mrs Suzanne Darwin (Spouse to Trustee Mr Dan Darwin) received £19,463 (2023:£18,536) in staff costs in relation to administrative services provided to Walcot PCC in furtherance of the Charity's objects. All conflicts of interest have been identified, documented and managed in accordance with the Charity's Governing Document.

The only other payments made to the Trustees related to reimbursements of expenses incurred in furthering the Charity's objects. The Trustees were reimbursed for £1,946 of expenses for travel, training and incidental costs in furtherance of the Charity's objects (2023: £3,203).

No other payments were made to the Trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial year. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a Trustee or any person connected with them.

17. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

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18. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the Charity's needs. This is based on the Charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

19. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the Charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Walcot, Bath on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 set out on pages 7 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 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 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: