

DORCAN CHURCH SWINDON

England & Wales · Charity number 1143702

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2011-09-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES. IN ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSE, THE CHARITY WILL ENGAGE IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR WITH OTHERS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO):A)THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP;B)THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH;C)MISSION AND EVANGELISM;D)PASTORAL WORK, INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED; E)THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO) THE ELDERLY, THE YOUNG AND OTHER GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS;F)THE SUPPORT OF OTHER CHARITIES IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS.

Activities: The Dorcan Church engages in a range of activities including the celebration of public worship, the teaching of the Christian faith, Mission and evangelism, Pastoral work,the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community and the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Uganda
- Swindon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£139,527	£146,396	-	-
2024-12-31	£179,006	£167,341	-	-
2023-12-31	£135,602	£136,975	-	-
2022-12-31	£133,423	£133,306	-	-
2021-12-31	£133,599	£128,827	-	-
2020-12-31	£159,830	£152,852	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
NATHALIE CATHERINE MARSHALL	Chair	2011-08-06
CLARE ROSE		2020-10-11
Clare Smith		2018-04-29
Deacon Stephen Roe		2021-09-01
Diane Killick		2024-05-14
JENNIFER SHIRLEY POOLE		2011-08-06
Janet Alice Prichard		2019-04-07
MR CHRIS ROSE		2012-05-21
MR TONY PRICHARD		2012-05-21
Neil Howard Marshall		2025-05-14
Nicki Clinch		2017-04-02
PETER MULCOCK		2011-08-06
Rev STUART FREDERICK FISHER		2011-08-06
Rev Trudie Anne Wigley		2014-05-14
SUSAN ELIZABETH MORGANS		2017-04-29

Accounts



Building God's House

**Knowing Jesus
and making Him known**

**Transforming Lives and
Communities**



**Annual
Report
2025**

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These pages represent our report to The Charity Commission in a format and with content as required for charities with an income greater than £100,000

Ecumenical Church Council and Parochial Church Council formally approved the report on 27th April 2026

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These pages celebrate the mission and ministry of The Dorcan Church and are reports that have been offered by the Church family.

ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2025

Legal and Administrative information

Charity numbers

Dorcan Church Swindon (Single Congregation LEP)	1143702
Dorcan Church PCC (Local Co-operative Scheme)	pending

Chair of ECC

Vice chair of PCC

Nathalie Marshall
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Chair of PCC

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Churchwarden

Vacancy

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Vacant

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THE DORCAN CHURCH

*An Ecumenical Partnership between
The Church of England & the Methodist Church
Serving the Swindon urban villages of Covingham, Nythe, Liden & Eldene.*

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the world has been reconciled to God, and in Jesus Christ unity has been offered to all people. Through the Word, we are called into a relationship with God and with one another as the children of God – a relationship inaugurated by Baptism into Christ through the Holy Spirit, nurtured and deepened through the ministry of word and sacrament and expressed in a confession of one faith and a common life of loving service.

(From the Declaration of Intent of the Dorcan Church)

OUR PURPOSE

“Transforming lives and communities,
Knowing Jesus, and making Him known”

OUR PICTURE OF CHURCH

“A growing and vibrant church,
confident in its purpose and trusting in God”

A church which makes Jesus known
A church of disciples
A church in, and for, the community
A church which cares

ROLE OF CHURCH COUNCIL

The Trustees of Dorcan Church are the Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) and also the Dorcan Church Parochial Church Council (PCC). By the end of 2026, we expect the ECC to have been dissolved, in accordance with the various resolutions made in 2024 and 2025 (Please see "Structure, Governance and Management" report for more information.

Trustees of both ECC and PCC have the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbents in promoting the activities of the Church in the community. Members of ECC and PCC are either ex-officio, elected at the Annual Church Meeting or co-opted as follows: For ECC: in accordance with the Constitution Governing Document dated 10th April 2011, as amended from time to time thereafter; and for PCC, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2025.

Membership of Church Councils (2025-2026)

Membership of Ecumenical Church Council 2025-2026 Elected Members 13

Nicki Clinch	2026
Nathalie Marshall	2026
Neil Marshall	2026
Sue Morgans	2026
Pete Mulcock*	2026
Jenny Poole*	2026
Janet Prichard	2028
Tony Prichard*	2028
Chris Rose	2026
Clare Rose	2026
Clare Smith	2027
Vacancy x2	

Co-opted members (2) None

Churchwardens (2)

Diane Killick *	2026
Vacancy	

Deanery Synod Reps

Jenny Poole	
Vacancy x2	2026

Ex-officio

Rev Stuart Fisher	Minister
Deacon Stephen Roe*	Minister
Rev Trudie Wigley	Minister

Membership of Parochial Church Council 2025-2026 Elected Members 9

Nicki Clinch	2028
Nigel Friend	2028
Neil Marshall	2026
Pete Mulcock*	2027
Jenny Poole*	2028
Janet Prichard	2026
Chris Rose	2027
Clare Rose	2027
Clare Smith	2026

Co-opted members (2)

Deacon Stephen Roe*	2026
Tony Prichard*	2026

Churchwardens (2)

Diane Killick*	2026
Vacancy	

LLM members (2)

Sue Morgans	2026
Vacancy	

Deanery Synod Reps

Jenny Poole	
Vacancy x2	2026

Ex-officio

Rev Stuart Fisher*	Licensed clergy
Nathalie Marshall*	Diocesan synod rep
Rev Trudie Wigley*	Licensed clergy

Standing Committee

Names marked *

Quorate five members

Other Appointments

Church Stewards (Sidespeople): Appointed by PCC on an annual basis

Ruth Dartnell
Angela Davidson
Jo Hannigan
Diane Killick
Neil Marshall
Nathalie Marshall
Sarah Paterson
Brenda Phillips
Claire Rose
Chris Rose

Representatives to the Circuit meeting

Nathalie Marshall
Tony Prichard

Additional Facts and Figures

Average Sunday Attendance 2025 average

St Paul's	50 adults	5 under 16s
St Timothy's	30 adults	4 under 16
Messy Church (monthly)	14 adults	22 under 16
Total	94 adults	31 under 16s

Typical week-day attendance: 2025 average

Tiny Tots St Paul's	22 adults	20 children	6 volunteers
Tiny Tots St Timothy's	5 adults	6 children	4 volunteers
Cid's Café St Paul's	36 adults	0 children	4 volunteers
Cid's Too St Tim's	15 adults	0 children	2 volunteers
Blaze	6 adults	10 children	
Youth Group	6 adults	20 children	
Something Different	2 adults	5 children	
Total	92 adults	61 children	

Occasional offices

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Baptisms	4	2	3	3	1	0	12	10	15
Funerals	6	5	7	7	16	18	16	24	9
Confirmations	10	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0
Weddings	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS OF AUTHORISED MINISTRIES

No changes to report this year

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT **Year ending 31 December 2025**

At a Special Congregational Meeting on 9th June 2024, we passed the following resolution regarding our governance, agreeing to *“dissolve the Single Congregational Local Ecumenical Partnership (SCLEP) and to adopt the Local Ecumenical Co-operative Scheme with the Church of England as the Lead Partner”*. Work has been continuing on the legal and practical aspects of affecting this change, which is expected to be concluded in the next few months, ahead of the end of the calendar year.

In the meantime, the business and governance of the church is directed and overseen by both the Dorcan Church Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) and the Dorcan Church Parochial Church Council (PCC). Trustees for both councils are elected from the Electoral Roll which has served as the Membership list of the SCLEP for many years. The maximum number of elected members to ECC is 13, and the maximum number of elected members to PCC is 9.

Report on the Proceedings of the PCC and ECC.

Meetings of PCC and ECC are currently held jointly, until the ECC is dissolved. The trustees met nine times during 2025, all in person. We are grateful to everyone who serves on ECC/PCC, for their time, energy and wisdom, and for the discussions we have had this past year. A significant focus has been the continued journey of amending our governance from an SCLEP to a Local Ecumenical Co-operative Scheme (LECS) and this has not always been easy. We also rejoiced at a PCC away day, the first in many years, and enjoyed working together to start to define foundational values for the future. We have had some challenging conversations and have had to learn along the way, yet we have navigated through those challenges with grace and tolerance which is down to the love and grace of each member. Thank you.

The dates that the PCC and ECC met and the associated focus points are as follows:

- 11th February: Local Ecumenical Co-operative Scheme (LECS) focus introducing Nick Ormon (Wroughton) who had offered to assist us through the process of changing the governance and financial structures.
- 27th March: First meeting of the separate PCC within the ECC meeting and had a continued LECS focus, authorising transfers of both finance and governance between the ECC and the PCC. PCC officers were appointed and the PCC resolved to adopt existing policies of the ECC. There was an update on the recruitment of the parish safeguarding co-ordinator which completed before the following meeting.
- 29th April: Review of papers and structure before the annual meetings.
- 19th May: AGM day. Brief meeting following the AGM to appoint officers.
- 30th June: Focus on PCC structure and governance matters, plus a Safeguarding update from Vanessa Lee our Parish Safeguarding co-ordinator. Committee structure and membership, stewards, PCC members length of appointment, ability for church administrator to access the charity commission website on behalf of both ECC and PCC were all approved. The safeguarding policy was also approved in its new form, plus the policy statement and code of conduct.
- 22nd July: Focused on safeguarding with a review of many policies and procedures following work rewriting by Vanessa Lee who attended the meeting as a visitor. Safeguarding documentation and information that had been refreshed was reviewed and approved.
- 25th September: Focus was a half year finance update and away day planning. Discussion around the parish share and approval of the response to the diocese.
- Away Day 18th October: focus on re-establishing a set of values for Dorcan – led by Rosy Ashley (Advisor for Parish Development) and Chris Dobson Diocesan Advisor for Parish Discipleship and Evangelism.
- 24th November: A review of the away day was held and next steps were agreed. Various safeguarding changes were approved, and Finance budget for 2026 was reviewed and approved.

Each meeting starts with a sharing of reasons for joy, to ensure that we are focused on our values of Building God's house here in Dorcan and the working out of our discussions as practical effects. There are always robust conversations, and every meeting will cover, in some regard, safeguarding, finance, worship and ministry, and Centre management.

Grateful thanks for all who serve in this way

Nathalie Marshall
Chair ECC/Vice Chair PCC

Committees and working groups

The aims of the charity are effected through a number of committees and teams, as detailed below. We are immensely grateful for all that the committees do so diligently and prayerfully, without which our mission and ministry would be poorer. Thank you.

Centre Management Committee: The Centre Management Committee meets to co-ordinate property-related matters across the Dorcan Church in support of the Church's Vision and Mission. It forms a link between the 'do-ers' and the decision-making processes at Finance and ECC/PCC. It provides oversight to the Centre Administrator in the letting, maintenance and development of the premises at St Paul's and St Timothy's. The Centre Management Committee also sets out to balance the use of the centres both to help enable the mission of the church and also to provide facilities for the benefit of the community. The committee has close links with "The Roofers" who focus on fundraising for ongoing maintenance of our buildings, releasing general congregational giving for the funding of ministry and mission. The committee also delegates to other time-limited sub-groups, as needed.

Children and Young People: Our strong ministry to CYP continues through our schools work - assemblies, Christmas Unwrapped, Easter Cracked Open, festival services; missional outreach to young people and pre-schoolers in our community through Blaze/Youth group, "Something Different" (for older teens), Messy Church and Tiny Tots; as well as nurturing and caring for those children and young people who worship with us and are a part of The Dorcan Church. Currently each area of our CYP work meets independently and we do need to look at periodically coming together to support each other and look holistically at our CYP ministry.

Finance Committee: The team works under the delegated authority of the ECC/PCC and look after our financial resources, managing the day-to-day finances of income, giving and expenditure. It looks to prepare an annual budget and annual accounts for approval by the ECC/PCC. The committee has been particularly busy this year working through the legal and practical changes flowing from our change in governance, and we are thankful for all their efforts – and patience!

"Nuts and Bolts" team: The team comprises the Church Warden(s), Senior Steward and Incumbents. The group meets every 2-3 weeks, focusing on the day-to-day running of the church, centre, and upcoming services. It also serves as a sharing and ideas forum to aid communication and smooth running, as well as being a place of support and accountability.

Preaching team: The team met three times together, studying the Bible and praying together. It also focuses on some of the practicalities of worship, as well as being a sounding board for exploring spiritual growth, discipleship, preaching styles and prayer ministry.

Safeguarding: Safeguarding practice is central to the mission and ministry of the church. The safeguarding team work to ensure that everyone, and especially children and vulnerable adults are safe in our churches, and that all those who are survivors of abuse are listened to, valued and supported. During 2025, we successfully recruited an overall Parish Safeguarding Co-ordination Officer (PSO) who has provided oversight and worked to review, update and ensure implementation of our processes and procedures. We are extremely grateful for the hard work of Vanessa Lee in this work. It should be noted that Safeguarding remains the legal responsibility of the ECC/PCC.

Standing Committee: The standing committee is authorised by the ECC/PCC. It has the power to transact the business of the church councils between meetings, subject to any direction from ECC/PCC. It comprises seven people, with a quorum of five from the Ministers (including Anglican and Methodist incumbents), Churchwarden, Treasurer and two others from ECC. If there is business to transact, it meets between council meetings to agree risk assessments, finances, attend to other day-to-day requirements and deal with urgent items that cannot wait until the next ECC/PCC. Standing Committee did not meet in person in 2025, but approved a number of urgent decisions by email.

2026 and beyond

In the summer of 2023, we began a journey to address three significant challenges we were facing as a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership (SCLEP), culminating in the signing of the Local Ecumenical Co-operative Scheme (LECS) in November 2024. 2025 has been a significant journey implementing the new governance framework with the Church of England as the lead partner, ensuring the continuation of our special and long-lasting Methodist-Anglican relationship and our ecumenical essence which is so important to our identity here at Dorcan Church. We had hoped that this work would have been completed by the end of 2025, however it has taken longer than anticipated. We are very grateful indeed to Nick Orman, from the parish of Wroughton and Wichelstowe, who has kindly agreed to project manage and oversee the transition, and to the finance team and many others who are working hard addressing all the required changes. We hope and expect for this to complete within 2026.

Nathalie Marshall, ECC chair and PCC vice-chair
Rev Trudie Wigley, PCC chair

ELECTORAL ROLL

Membership & Church Links

2026/27	2025/26	2024/25	2024/23	2023/22	2022/21	2021/20	2020/19*	2019/18	2018/17
118	111*	144	144	141	139	146	147*	162	161

*Full electoral roll revision

It's that time of year when we take a closer look at our Electoral Roll/Membership List. It's all very similar to my report of 2025. Currently there are 113 people who are officially registered on the Electoral Roll of the Dorcan Church. We do, however have quite a few folk who worship with us on a regular basis, but have not yet taken the plunge and filled in a form. If you're one of those people, or you aren't quite sure of what's involved, please do speak to one of the Ministry Team.

Sadly, during the past 12 months, we've had to say 'farewell' to friends who have passed on to glory...Brenda Fisher and Rev Edward Pilkington. We remember them with great affection and gratitude for everything they meant to us, and for their lives devoted to God. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. However, by God's grace, we also find that new people arrive occasionally, and if that's you, then welcome. We would love to get to know you better, so please introduce yourself to any one of us.

This brings me on to the LINK system. LINK people are those who keep in contact with members of the congregation, either by phone or by other means, just to touch base with them if they haven't been seen at church lately. It's not an onerous task but many lovely friendships have developed because of it. It would be good if every person who worships with us could have a person they could LINK with, but sadly we need a few more people to offer to take on this role. If you think this is something God may be prompting you to do, please let one of the Ministry Team know.

As an end note...we will almost certainly be faced with more challenges and changes during the coming year, and I commend to you these words from Jeremiah 6:16

This is what the Lord says: *"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."*

Barbara Wilcox LLM Emeritus
Electoral Roll/Membership Secretary

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care at Dorcan is provided in a number of ways. Most informally, but perhaps also most frequently, it is shown by people simply caring for others, showing concern as we meet as we go about our daily lives, either at Church or as neighbours and friends. More formally, we have a system of Church Links, whose role is to keep in touch with those on their list, pray for them, make gentle enquiries if they have not been in contact for a while, and pass on any concerns. If you are not sure who your Church Link is, please speak to Barbara, Stephen or Trudie, and we will put you in touch. Equally, if this is a role you feel you may be being called to, please speak to one of us. More formally still, and partly in response to the reduction in ordained ministerial resources from September this year, the PCC has appointed some Pastoral Visitors, whose role is to visit those of our members who are unable to get to Church, or are in hospital or other care, whether that is for a short or longer period of time. However, we can only respond if we are aware of a need, so please let one of the Ministry Team know if you become aware that a member of our congregation has a pastoral need.

Deacon Stephen Roe

CHURCHWARDEN REPORT

The thigh bone's connected to the hip bone, the hip bone's connected to the backbone, the backbone's connected to the neck bone..... are you singing yet?

Get the picture, we are all connected, and support and rely on each other as church family. Life is constantly changing, sometimes good, sometimes not, but our church is the constant.

We are blessed by those who minister to us each Sunday, and they are supported by a wonderful team who enable our services to happen, our welcomers, sacristans, stewards, intercessors, readers, musicians, refreshments, cleaners, flower arrangers, but it does not end there. Throughout the week the love and support continues in various ways. Link people, home visits, youth groups, safeguarding, our administrator Maggie, and treasury to name a few.

Again we have had to say goodbye to loved ones, and have welcomed new faces. Numbers are fairly constant, and rise considerably for Christingle, and Christmas services. A confirmation service was held at St Pauls in June, and some of us attended Upham Road to support one of our candidates there. The 21st Swindon Scout group and their families joined us for Remembrance Sunday, and took an active part in the service.

So them bones, them bones, Hear the word of the Lord

Diane Killick, Churchwarden

FABRIC REPORT

Let's start with the positive !!!

Both our buildings continue to be well used, for various church and community events. We were delighted to welcome Swindon Male Voice choir to St Tim's as their rehearsal home. Messy Church is also thriving there, Cid's Too and as a meeting place for small groups. At St Paul's, it continues to be very popular for parties, and regular groups including Cid's, Senior Citizens, dance and keep fit, bridge and yoga, amongst others. Maggie Johnson as administrator keeps tabs on them all, huge thanks to Maggie. St Pauls is also attracting some choirs for their concerts.

To safely accommodate parking at St Pauls, after very careful consideration, the entrance and exit were reversed, (It would appear to still be challenging for some) and we are now looking at how we could increase spaces. At the time of writing the spring bulbs are out and looking splendid, thank you to all that planted. In August the whole centre was closed to enable essential electrical work to be done, and after a period of no hot water in the kitchen, all is now satisfactory.

Now the other bit, we are back to leaking roof's St Tim's this time, so watch this space!

We have an incredible team who turn their hands to most things, always without complaint, and very generous with their time, thank you so much we are so blessed to have you.

Diane Killick Churchwarden

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Safeguarding practice is central to the mission and ministry of the church. The safeguarding team work to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are safe in our churches, and that all those who are survivors of abuse are listened to, valued and supported. Of note is that safeguarding remains the legal responsibility of the ECC/PCC.

The team met frequently during the year and we were delighted to welcome Vanessa Lee to the team as our Co-ordination Officer. With her guidance and work, we have made excellent progress on reviewing and updating our policies, procedures and training, and are very grateful that she said yes to joining the team! And we are very much a team. I would like to thank Dianne Lane, Sue Morgans, Jenny Poole, Deacon Stephen Roe, Maggie Johnson and Sandra Marshall for their commitment and dedication to this important aspect of our church life. Some of the things we deal with are not easy, and the paperwork often seems endless, yet the

heart of our work is that safeguarding is not just a policy requirement or a paper exercise, instead it is a theological imperative. It flows from our belief that every person is made in God's image, that Jesus calls us to protect the vulnerable, that we are a body called to be safe and whole, and that love must be expressed in truth, justice, and accountability. Thank you awesome team.

Revd Trudie Wigley

Safeguarding Project

In May 2025 I started working for Dorcan Church on a fixed term contract,, being given the remit of reviewing and updating the Parish's safeguarding policies and working procedures.

My previous experience in safeguarding was within an education setting, providing for children that were not in mainstream schools, where I was the Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

After initially spending time reading through the wealth of information on Safeguarding on the Bristol Diocese and CofE websites, to familiarise myself with the structure of responsibility within The Church Of England's framework , I began the work of updating Dorcan Church's policies.

The Dorcan safeguarding team, a team of wonderful and dedicated volunteers, gave up even more of their time to come to group meetings, meet with me individually and talk on the phone to respond to numerous emails and questions I was asking them. It struck me very early on that each person was hugely knowledgeable, within their respective safeguarding roles and evidenced really good working practice.

To ensure the Church was working within the overarching CofE and Diocese framework and legislative boundaries, as new versions of policies and guidance were produced, we took the opportunity, as a team, to review each one and how the Church's daily practice held up, from a safeguarding perspective. This was a beneficial approach to take, rather than just completing a paper exercise of producing policies for a folder, as we explored areas that sometimes required quite detailed clarification, to allow us to develop a consistent understanding that could then be applied more widely within individual areas of safeguarding responsibility.

The Dorcan Church is blessed to have a large team of volunteers and particularly the safeguarding team and PCC, that have welcomed me in to the Church now as a permanent employee, as part of their continued commitment to safeguarding

Vanessa Lee

Training and DBS checks: At present we have 57 volunteers working in various roles throughout the church. Most volunteers have done the required safeguarding training, but due to new guidelines everyone working with children is now required to complete domestic abuse awareness training. That amounted to 32 volunteers. Ten of those have completed on line and the other 22 are booked on a course on 7th February. Hopefully they will all be done by the time we read this report. Many of us were required to refresh basic awareness training last year. Only two are left to complete this. These are all refreshed every three years. This is a huge commitment for everyone and we are very grateful for the time and effort taken to keep up with training as well as the regular volunteering roles. Thank you.

As far as we are aware all those who need DBS clearance for their role have done so. Thank you again for responding and keeping up to date with this, especially as the requirement is every three years now. The organisation we use, Thirtyone:Eight, now informs the verifier three months before a DBS is due. This will prove helpful to keep everyone up to date.

Dianne Lane and Sue Morgans

Safeguarding Declaration from PCC:

This annual statement is required under The Church Representation Rules 2025.

At their PCC meeting on 9th March 2026, *“The PCC confirms that it has complied with the requirements imposed by the code under section 5A of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.”*

PCC Trustees

CHARITY TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Dorcan Church is an Anglican Church working with a Local Ecumenical Cooperative agreement with the Methodist Church, serving the Swindon urban villages of Covingham, Nythe, Liden and Eldene. The Parish includes the congregations worshipping at St Paul's, Covingham and St Timothy's, Liden. The Church continues to work to build the kingdom of God throughout the parish, both as a worshipping community and also as a serving community.

Though the governance of the charity continued to evolve following the dissolution of the formal LEP and signing of the LECS agreement, the day to day work of the church community continued unabated. The Cids and Cids Too coffee mornings continue to meet weekly, tackling loneliness in our communities, and building relationships. It's particularly pleasing that those who can attend the Borough Council Supported bereavement group at St Paul's for a limited period (so that the council can continue to support newly bereaved members of the community) are unofficially referred on to Cids, through which they find ongoing support and friendship.

Attendees on a Sunday morning may be disappointed in the lack of large number of young people week by week, and Tiny Tots has struggled with volunteers, pausing at St Tim's for the time being. It should be noted however, that those that help at Messy Church on a monthly basis at St Tim's, and the youth groups for 3 different age groups midweek at St Paul's will know that our young people are both numerous and lively. In 2025 we were especially thrilled to launch "Something Different" for our 16 – 19 year olds, on a Wednesday evening, by special request of the young people themselves. We are glad to welcome them all as part of our worshipping community.

Our buildings continue to provide community space for a wide variety of groups from irregular parties and social events to the weekly meetings of Dance groups, Senior Citizens, and of course the life sustaining Blood Donation Service.

St Paul's roof continues to be water tight following the large amount of work in 2024, however attention is now turning to St Tim's, which it appears is not. So the Roofers' work continues, working to fundraise and build community, and we thank God for them and all the fun that they bring, not to mention the cash that they bring in. May this report next year be reporting two water tight roofs, God willing!

Our work with local schools and education providers continues, and work is now starting on re aligning this towards the new staffing model which will be in place once Stephen retires in the summer. It is somewhat daunting to be in so much

demand, and yet what a joy to share with them the stories of Jesus. A new link was built this year with 21st Swindon (Covingham) Scouts attending Remembrance parade in large numbers.

2025 was less successful on the Eco Church front, though embedded practices have continued such as collecting food waste, and more and more bulbs have been planted. The challenge in 2026 will be to establish a small team working on this to enable us to complete the final actions for the Bronze award.

Behind the scenes, the finance committee are working hard to register a new charity and start to move the finances over. We hope and pray that this work can complete in 2026 with a single streamlined governance structure and a single set of accounts. Our thanks go to Nick Ormon from Wroughton Parish who has been assisting with this and guiding our finance team. Once this is completed we can legally close the old charity, and the ECC which governs it, moving fully over to the PCC structure.

2026 is already proving to be a year of turmoil across the world. We are grateful for the love of God as our firm foundations in this time.

Nathalie Marshall, Chair of Trustees

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2025

Background

Until November 2024, Dorcan Church existed as a Single Congregational Local Ecumenical Partnership (SCLEP) and all its financial affairs were conducted through the registered charity 'Dorcan Church, Swindon' (1143702).

Then, as many of you will recall, following a lengthy consultation and approval process, agreements were signed to dissolve the SCLEP and replace it with a Local Ecumenical Co-operative Scheme (LECS). This meant that the charity 'Dorcan Church Swindon' also needed to be dissolved and that the governance and finances of the Dorcan Church needed to move to standard arrangements for an Anglican parish, with the Parochial Church Council (PCC) becoming the principal controlling and decision-making body.

March 2025 saw the Ecumenical Church Council (ECC, the trustees of the 'Dorcan Church Swindon' charity) pass a resolution that authorised the transfer of its funds to the PCC. This then allowed the financial transition to begin.

However, the process of opening a bank account for Dorcan PCC proved to be long and protracted, and it wasn't until October that certain selected transactions began to be processed through the newly opened PCC account.

The end of 2025 found us, therefore, very much in a state of transition. Three tables of figures are therefore included in this report.

- (1) The ECC Table, documenting 2025 figures for the 'Dorcan Church, Swindon' charity.
- (2) The PCC Table, documenting 2025 figures attributable to the Dorcan PCC (i.e. totals for the small subset of transactions that had passed through the PCC account).
- (3) The combined ECC and PCC table (with charts) documenting 2025 figures for the Church as a whole.

Moving into 2026, the plan was to move the vast majority of financial activity from the ECC account to the PCC account as swiftly as possible, thus enabling the ECC account to be closed at some point during the year. (As we approach the Annual Meeting, most of the financial activity has now been transferred across).

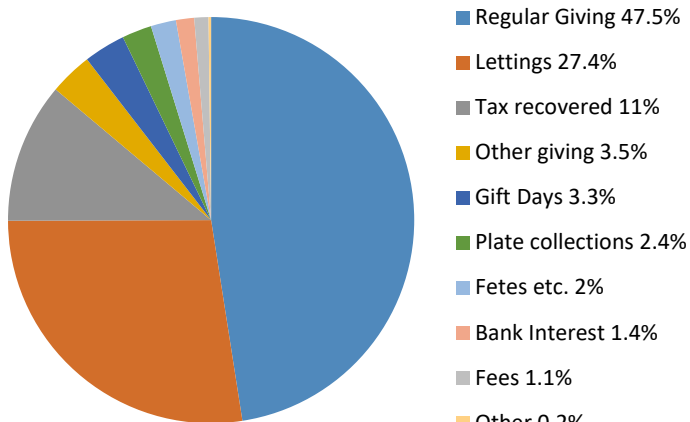
Tables (See Below)

ECC			
Income (£)		Expenditure (£)	
Regular Giving	65,273	Parish Share	61,020
Lettings	38,558	Minister's and Staff	30,300
Tax recovered	16,051	Methodist Assessment	14,834
Other giving	4,835	Utilities	15,684
Gift Days	4,759	Maintenance	12,905
Plate collections	2,623	Mission and Charitable Giving	2,657
Fetes etc.	2,846	Insurance	2,364
Bank Interest	2,077	Upkeep of services	2,285
Fees	1,619	Administration	1,525
Other	287	Fees	1,076
		Council Tax	1,073
		Cost of Stewardship campaign	74
	138,928		145,797

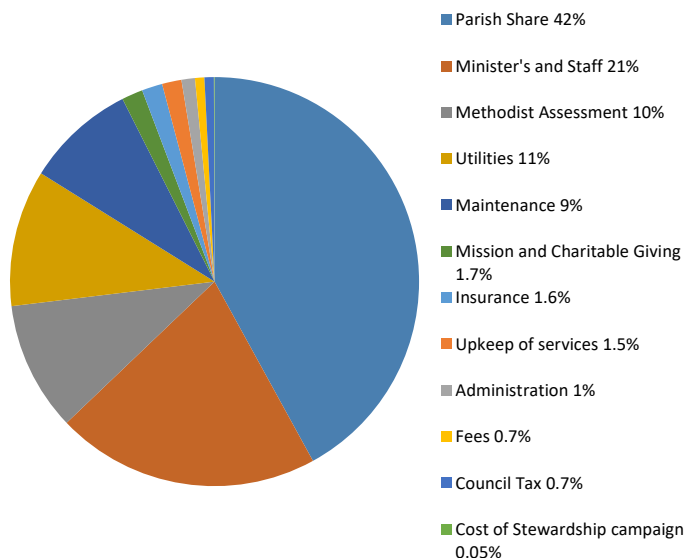
PCC			
Income (£)		Expenditure (£)	
Regular Giving	3,021	Parish Share	0
Lettings	829	Minister's and Staff	0
Tax recovered	0	Methodist Assessment	0
Other giving	65	Utilities	0
Gift Days	0	Maintenance	0
Plate collections	729	Mission and Charitable Giving	0
Fetes etc.	40	Insurance	0
Bank Interest	0	Upkeep of services	50
Fees	0	Administration	0
Other	6	Fees	0
		Council Tax	0
		Cost of Stewardship campaign	0
	4,690		50

Combined (ECC & PCC, Dorcan Church as a whole)			
Income (£)		Expenditure (£)	
Regular Giving 47.5%	68,294	Parish Share 42%	61,020
Lettings 27.4%	39,387	Minister's and Staff 21%	30,300
Tax recovered 11%	16,051	Methodist Assessment 10%	14,834
Other giving 3.5%	4,900	Utilities 11%	15,684
Gift Days 3.3%	4,759	Maintenance 9%	12,905
Plate collections 2.4%	3,352	Mission and Charitable Giving 1.7%	2,657
Fetes etc. 2%	2,886	Insurance 1.6%	2,364
Bank Interest 1.4%	2,077	Upkeep of services 1.5%	2,335
Fees 1.1%	1,619	Administration 1%	1,525
Other 0.2%	293	Fees 0.7%	1,076
		Council Tax 0.7%	1,073
		Cost of Stewardship campaign 0.05%	74
	143,618		145,847

Dorcan Church Income



Dorcan Church Expenditure



Overall Summary

God has once again been very good to us regarding our finances for 2025. Though we recorded a small deficit (£2,229) this was much less than anticipated by our 2025 budget (£11,946). So, as in 2024, our financial figures were significantly better than we anticipated, and we give thanks to God for this.

This does not mean that we have large amounts of money that we can spend freely. 2025 was unusual in that we had surplus funds carried over from 2024, which we then spent (as planned) during the year; therefore, a deficit was acceptable. Going forward, we need to be wise in managing the resources God has given us, especially ensuring that our day to day expenditure falls within budget.

However, though we face various financial challenges, especially regarding the upkeep of our buildings, we move forward in faith that God will continue to provide for us, as he has done in the past.

Income

So, how does God provide for us? Principally and most significantly, it is through your generosity, i.e. the donations of our congregation. Regular giving through direct debit, standing orders, and weekly envelopes rose from £64,349 in 2024 to £68,294. These gifts, along with the tax that we are able to reclaim on them, form the bedrock of our finances, and we give thanks to everyone who contributes in these ways.

However, we are also grateful to all who give in other ways, e.g. to those who put money into the collections at services, Cids Cafe, Messy Church etc., to those who contribute to our Gift Day, or who give one-off donations. Such giving amounted to around 9% of our income, an important contribution.

This is also true for the amounts raised through our fundraising events. This money goes towards vital maintenance and occasional improvements (when they can be afforded) to our buildings. Without this contribution, we would struggle. Our thanks goes very much to our dedicated fundraisers and everyone who supports their events.

The final key element of our income is the amount received from lettings; this was up by just over 3% on 2024, broadly in line with expectations. Late in 2025, Swindon Male Voice Choir began hiring St Tim's as their regular rehearsal venue. This will help with our letting income going forward.

Expenditure

Overall, our expenditure was very close to budget (just a 0.5% variance), so a good outcome.

However, within this, there are a few points to note.

Parish Share (our contribution to the Anglican denomination) rose from £51,000 to £61,020. This was because, for the first time in years, we thought that we could afford to contribute the sort of amount requested of us, rather than underpaying. This prediction has been borne out by the financial results for 2025. We continue to contribute at a similar level in 2026.

Much of this increase is being funded by a decrease in Assessment (our contribution to the Methodist Denomination), down from £19,638 in 2024 to £14,834 in 2025. This is falling as a result of our change in ecumenical status and is agreed to reduce to an expected amount of £2,000pa from September 2026.

The 'Ministers and Staff' category (which includes salaries of admin and centre staff and expenses, but not salaries, for ministers) rose by £8k from 2024. £6k of this was spent on employing a specialist to complete a one-off exercise to bring our safeguarding processes and documentation up to date with current practice and requirements. This was funded from a special grant that we received from the Bristol Diocese and the Archdeacon in 2024. However, the specialist, Vanessa Lee, is remaining with us on a part-time basis of 20 hours per month to provide continuing support for our safeguarding function. This will result in an ongoing increase in staff costs but to a lesser extent than seen in 2025.

'Maintenance' (of our two centres) was relatively high in 2025, mainly due to a significant spend of almost £6k on St Paul's electrical infrastructure in order to bring it in line with current safety standards. However, given the age of our buildings, we need to anticipate the same level of maintenance costs in the future.

Thankfully, though, utility costs at £15.6k were only slightly up on 2024. Unfortunately, though, we are now facing increases, possibly significant ones, in 2026.

Finally.....

Full details of our finances are contained in the two sets of accounts, one for the ECC and one for the PCC. Do ask for a copy if you would like one. Please also do ask if you have further questions about the Church Finances. Tony Prichard, Pete Mulcock and other members of our Finance Committee are all willing and available to provide answers.

Tony Prichard (Treasurer), Pete Mulcock and Finance Committee

SWINDON DEANERY SYNOD 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Deanery Synod meetings took a slightly different form for much of 2025 as we were able to combine two of our meetings with Pioneering Parishes training provided by the Diocese of Bristol and delivered by Church Mission Society. This allowed Synod members to meet with others from across the Deanery to discuss ways of taking church more deliberately into our communities.

In February and October, we met at Pattern Church and were led by Tina Hodgett and Greg Bakker from Church Mission Society as part of the Pioneering Parishes initiative. In February, we engaged with the need for a culture shift, lamenting our losses to allow newness to emerge; emphasizing our values and how to discern them through honest conversations and developing an abundant mindset, through seeing our contexts differently. The presentations and discussions were fueled by an excellent buffet from Trenchers in Kembrey Park. In October, Tina and Greg led us in open conversations which encouraged us to discuss the questions we are grappling with around mission in our contexts and modelled ways of encouraging self-reflection through the help of perceptive questioning by others.

Each of these meetings was preceded by a short business meeting. In February we appointed Gill Leighburn and Tracy Mason as lay members of the Deanery Leadership Team and in October we elected Nick Orman from Wroughton and Wichelstowe as Lay Chair. In October we also heard from Stephen Sheridan, the Finance Director for the Diocese who is the member of senior staff in Diocesan Support Services (DSS) linked to our deanery.

The date set for the May meeting clashed with the end of the Pioneering Parishes course following on from the February meeting, so synod members were invited to come to Holy Trinity, Shaw and engage in prayer stations, focusing on Swindon, local schools, and peace among other topics.

July was our annual synod barbeque and as well as networking with other synod members, those attending this synod at The Well in Abbey Meads also had the opportunity to contribute to the consultation about the appointment of the new Bishop of Bristol by answering questions on flip charts.

Jenny Poole has been our lay Deanery Synod rep over the past year, please ask her or the clergy if you would like more information.

Jenny Poole Deanery Synod Representative

DIOCESAN SYNOD 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Diocesan Synod is the largest and most representative governing body in the Diocese. It supports the bishop in shaping the strategic direction of diocesan life by providing a forum for engagement and debate, a sounding board for emerging priorities, and a setting in which formal decisions are taken through prayerful discernment and collaborative relationships. In summary, Diocesan Synod is the place all voices and wisdom come together to discern God's calling focus and his kingdom is the Diocese. Below is an overview of the topics discussed and various motions approved during 2025.

Living in Love and Faith (LLF)

This remains a polarised debate at General Synod, which is replicated at Diocesan Synod, and in many parishes. LLF was discussed at every Synod meeting during 2025. In March, The Rt Revd Viv Faull, Bishop of Bristol, updated Synod on national discussions regarding the ordination and licensing of individuals seeking or in same-sex marriages. In June, The Very Revd Mandy Ford, Dean of Bristol Cathedral and a member of the National Programme Board overseeing the LLF process, updated Synod on recent developments. In September we held a dedicated LLF session of listening, engaging, and reflecting. In November, The Rt Revd Neil Warwick (Acting Bishop of Bristol) outlined the House of Bishops' decisions, and also provided context, reaction, and an overview of next steps.

Carbon Net Zero (CNZ)

Synod received an update confirming greater clarity surrounding carbon measurement. Bristol continues to be recognised nationally for leadership in solar installations and environmental initiatives. A list of grants and schemes awarded was shared. We are grateful to the Centre Management Committee for their work, and also to our Eco champion, Neil Marshall, as he steers and encourages us in both our personal and corporate discipleship as we commit to the 5th mark of mission *"to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth"*.

Dissolution of DBAT

The transition of Diocesan Board of Academies Trust (DBAT) schools to other trusts concluded successfully, reinforcing long-term benefits for children, young people, schools, and communities. The Diocese of Bristol School Partnership Programme (DBSP), co-constructed with trusts, launched in September 2025.

Transforming Church. Together (TC.T)

An update was provided, including a presentation from Holy Trinity Horfield on its use of Sharesy, which has increased bookings and improved efficiency. As part of the Priority Communities Network within the TC.T strategy, Synod approved becoming a formal partner of the Church Urban Fund (CUF) and joining the Together Network.

Here at Dorcan our short term priority is to complete all that we need to do to with our change of governance, however after this there will be capacity to start considering how we might engage with the strategy in our unique context as we also look to renew our vision moving forward. More details on the strategy can be found at <https://www.bristol.anglican.org/visionandpriorities/transforming-church/> .

Safeguarding Annual Report

A comprehensive audit reflected exceptionally strong safeguarding practice across the Diocese. A new national framework now enables leadership training to be completed in a one-day session. In Dorcan we are grateful that we have been able to use this as a springboard for our own safeguarding review, recognising that safeguarding is a Kingdom value, and a critical part of preaching the gospel.

All Saints Roof Repair

Following an overview of the proposed works, a presentation from the Racial Justice Team, and extended Q&A, Synod reaffirmed its previous decision to proceed with the roof repairs. All Saints is believed to be the burial place of Edward Colston, the enslaver, and has been closed to the public since 1984 however there is a legal duty on the diocese to repair the roof to protect public safety. In due course there are plans to re-open the church as a place of lament, learning and reconciliation in light of the Church's past involvement in the slave trade.

Budget 2026

Synod reviewed the significant financial challenges facing the Diocese. After round-table discussion and Q&A, Synod authorised the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance to expend the sums set out in the budget. A 10-year Financial Plan will be developed during 2026.

Synod is a place where the voice of parishes can be heard, and the national Church of England informed and challenged. Whilst there is invariably some tedious business to be transacted, it has become increasingly participative, engaging and diverse and if you would like to be a part of shaping the future of the Church of England, please do consider standing, or come along and see what happens (guests are always welcome). Do have a chat with Nathalie Marshall or Trudie Wigley.

Nathalie Marshall, Elected Member Diocesan House of Laity
Rev Trudie Wigley, Co-Chair Diocesan Synod

BRISTOL METHODIST DISTRICT REPORT

Revd Dr Marcus Torchon is now in his second year as District Chair. He is continuing to get to know the District by making regular visits to Circuits, including leading a Study Day for Local Preachers and Worship Leaders in the North Wiltshire Circuit, and visiting the Pilgrim Centre in Swindon Town Centre. The September Synod approved, in principle, the establishment of a number of District

roles, including someone to encourage and co-ordinate work with children and young people, someone to facilitate churches in contributing to the commitment to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2030, and a half-time Faith Rooted Community Organiser. We continue to offer our prayers for Marcus and all the District officers.

Deacon Stephen Roe

NORTH WILTSHIRE CIRCUIT REPORT

Alongside the day-to-day aspects of managing the Circuit, two major issues have dominated the future planning for the Circuit this year. The first is staffing. As two ministers are leaving this year, two profiles were submitted for consideration by the stationing committees of the Church. We were pleased to be matched with a deacon, who will move into the Merlin Way manse sometime in August, and then work alongside the ministers with pastoral charge at the Pilgrim Centre on Regent Street, at Bath Road Methodist Church in Old Town, and at Rodbourne Methodist Centre, looking to build on existing mission and outreach activities, and develop new ones. We were not matched with a presbyter for the Marlborough section of the Circuit, and so the Circuit Leadership Team are currently considering how best to provide ministry for those churches.

Secondly, discussions are continuing about merging the North Wiltshire and Upper Thames Circuits. The original intention was to merge from September 2026, but as discussions progressed it became clear that this timescale was too ambitious, and so the intention currently is that the merger will take effect in September 2027.

The worshipping congregation at Rodbourne Methodist Church met for the last time at Easter 2025. The building is now the responsibility of the Circuit, which took the decision to invest some of the Circuit reserves into improving the building with a view to making it a faith-based Community Centre, suitable for use by community groups and for hire by individuals. This is still ongoing, but some new groups have started to make use of the facilities, and it is hoped that this will continue to increase.

It was agreed during the year that even though the Dorcan Church would no longer be paying an assessment to the Circuit from September 2026, a financial contribution would be made as part of the commitment of the Dorcan Church to an ongoing ecumenical relationship with the Methodist Church, as detailed in the Local Ecumenical Co-operative Scheme. The Methodist Circuit has committed to providing a minister to lead a Communion Service at Dorcan twice a year, also as a sign of the commitment to the ecumenical relationship. However, one consequence of the changes at Dorcan is that we no longer have automatic representation on the Circuit Meeting, but both the Circuit and the Dorcan Church are happy and willing for someone to be appointed as a non-voting representative,

in order to maintain a link. Please speak to either me or Nathalie if this is a role you feel called to consider. The meeting is four times a year, usually in an evening, and there are always others travelling from Swindon, so transport is available.

Deacon Stephen Roe

END OF CHARITIES COMMISSION REPORT

CELEBRATING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE DORCAN CHURCH

The following pages are reports that have been voluntarily offered from the Church family to mark and celebrate our mission and ministry. These are not all-encompassing of all that we do, yet paint a wonderful picture of some of the ways we have been serving the community and sharing the Good News of Jesus. Well done amazing Church for all that you and all that you are. Thank you!

MINISTRY TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

We have an extensive and strong ministry to children and young people in the parish. Thank you to everyone who supports and prays for this important ministry. Without this mission and ministry, we cannot nurture the next generation of disciples and grow God's church to further his kingdom in this place.

Blaze | Youth Club | "Something Different"

We are meeting, still, twice a month. Numbers are still variable but it is lovely to see the youngsters!! In the summer we went bowling and at Christmas we held a party with some "minute to win it games!" We always finish our sessions with hot chocolate (ice lolly in the summer term!) and a sharing of our faith. These last few weeks we have been looking at the Fruits of the Spirit which they are remembering which is good!

We were very excited to launch our 16 -18 group in September, called "Something Different". These are the girls who became too old for the Youth Club! What a delight they are and some of them are now helping at Breakfast Club as well! We do appreciate prayers for the young people and the team! AND a big shout out to Chris, Clare, Pete, Becki, Matt and Caroline who selflessly give their time for this to happen.

Deb Mulcock

Tiny Tots at St Paul's

The group continues to average 15 to 20 children each week. Our register extends to over 33 families. Due to government funding for nurseries our age range has now dropped and we now have a lot more babies and 1 to 2 year olds. The sessions are lively and the little ones enjoy the story, singing and dancing time as well as playing with our many toys in the hall. They also enjoy the crafts each week and the dough table is always very popular. We enjoy the interaction we have with the parents, grandparents and carers. We have 8 helpers on our rota as well as 2 male church members who help to set up and clear away each week.

We often have positive feedback from the adults. We continue to share God's love with the families and hope to do so for the foreseeable future.

Pam Wood

Tiny Tots at St Tim's

Sadly, Tiny Tots at St Tim's came to a close at the end of July 2025. This was due to health difficulties of volunteers and the considerable drop in the number of children attending. There was in the end a core group of 5 children attending, who we grew to love. We were sorry to have to close our lovely group.

We led the group with the much appreciated help of Hazel Merret, Marie Pottinger, Helena Burzinska, Sandra Marshall and Leslie Valat Desgranges. Hazel, Leslie and Sandra helped on a rota basis, while Helena and Marie attended each week, providing and preparing snacks and drinks.

Colin Parsons and Herman Boston very kindly came at the end of each session to move chairs and return the church to normal, which was an enormous help. We valued too the visits of Stephen, who often called in to chat to mums and join us for singing and story time. Hopefully "our children" will attend tiny tots at St Paul's.

Jean Smith and Dianne Lane

Covingham Park Primary School

We have maintained our links with Covingham Park Primary School in a variety of ways. I have led occasional assemblies at the school with the different year groups, and we once again welcomed the children and staff, along with parents, carers, and wider family and friends, for their Harvest Festival and Christmas celebrations at St Paul's. We also welcomed the Year 4 classes to hear the Christmas story at 'Christmas Unwrapped', and the Year 5 classes to experience Easter at 'Easter Cracked Open'. Both these activities are much appreciated by the school, and enjoyed by the children. As ever, we thank the many volunteers who supported any of these activities as we look to welcome the school into our building.

Deacon Stephen Roe

Covingham Roundabout Pre-school

During the year, we were contacted by Covingham Roundabout Pre-school (which meets on the Covingham Park Primary School site) to enquire about the possibility of visiting the Church. They have been on three occasions, for Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas, and it has been good to be able to extend a welcome to another community group to come to the Church and learn more about the Christian celebration and meaning of these seasons.

Deacon Stephen Roe

Liden Academy

We continue our strong relationship with Liden Academy and each half-term I am warmly invited to lead an assembly. They sing with gusto and it is a joy to see some of them also coming to Messy Church at St Timothy's. I lead their school and parents Harvest service in the school hall, and at Christmas we welcome them over to St Tim's. Both the church and the school are smaller spaces, so this means repeating the service up to 4 times in a day! It is well worth it though, and it is a privilege to be welcomed so warmly by the school. We also invite Liden for Christmas unwrapped and Easter cracked open at St Timothy's and it's a delight to also be there for these and to strengthen connections.

Rev Trudie Wigley

Dorcan Academy

Every term I am invited into the school to meet and pray with the Head Teacher, and it is a privilege to be asked to do so. Whenever I visit there is a sense of joy and energy and it is uplifting to be there. I also sit on the oversight governing board as a Member, whose role it is to be a "guardian of governance". In summer 2026 the Headteacher, Sherryl Bareham, is retiring, so please do pray for the academy and the student as they adjust to new leadership and opportunities.

Rev Trudie Wigley

It's Your Move

Going up to that big school can seem daunting, and not knowing who or what to believe. We have been going into our local primary schools to Year 6 to share 'It's Your Move', a very helpful booklet from Scripture Union which address many of the questions students have. It is a fun session with games and sharing information, which is appreciated by students and teachers.

Diane Killick & Sue Morgans

Easter Cracked Open & Christmas Unwrapped

Christmas and Easter are such very special times in the church calendar, and we were once again delighted to welcome the pupils of Covingham, Nythe, Eldene and Liden, years 4 & 5 to discover the real reason we celebrate, through games, activities and crafts. A total of approximately 337 children attended these events. Feedback from the schools was positive, encouraging and appreciative. Comments were made that the children were motivated and engaged.

A huge thanks to everyone involved. We are blessed to have such a committed, flexible team so that we can continue to provide these wonderful experiences to the youngsters in our parish.

Sue Morgans & Diane Killick

Messy Church - a Year of Faith, Fun, and Fellowship

It has been a joy to see Messy Church continue to flourish at St. Tim's over the past year. Our dedicated team of helpers creates a warm, encouraging space where families can gather for crafts, breakfast, and worship. This year, we've been blessed to deepen our friendships with our regulars while welcoming many new faces into our community. Together, we've explored what it means to follow Jesus and grow in faith.

One of our greatest highlights was celebrating the confirmation of several of our regular Messy Church helpers—a truly special milestone for our team! Our monthly themes have brought us everything from a summer breakfast BBQ with toasted marshmallows to the creation of beautiful Easter gardens. We also had the honour of welcoming the Mayor in October to explore the "clothes of faith."

Christmas was particularly memorable as we hosted an All-Age Messy Nativity across both St. Tim's and St. Paul's, bringing generations together in a wonderful celebration. As we look ahead, we are excited to continue reaching out to the Liden and Covingham communities.

Clare Smith

Christmas Toy Appeal

This was the fourth year that we hosted the Christmas toy/gift event at St Paul's. Seventy families (181 children) benefited from generous donations from The Dorcan Church and the wider parish/circuit. Children received three main presents, two stocking fillers, a soft toy and a book each. It was tight having enough this year as the numbers of families needing help had risen.

Again, this was staffed by volunteers, displaying the gifts attractively, after moving large boxes from one place to another (and less heavy ones back again at the end). We opened for three consecutive days for four to six hours each time. It was humbling to listen to their stories and hear how they coped with life's blows and difficulties. It was a privilege to meet them and laugh and cry with them.

They were all so very grateful and touched by your generosity. Thank you all for your gifts that enabled them to give their children a happy Christmas. Thank you also to those who helped set up, moved chairs, helped parents choose and cleared up at the end of the week. An amazing Dorcan Church effort!

Dianne Lane and Sandra Marshall

GROUPS AND COURSES

There are a number of home groups meeting across the Dorcan Church and the fellowship, encouragement and learning are important as we journey on in our discipleship. Meeting together in the week is integral to our Christ-like living and

we have others who wish to join groups, and additionally we want to encourage as many of our church family as possible to be involved in a small group. However we simply do not have leaders to volunteer or groups who are able to invite others in, due to size or other reasons. Please do think whether you might be able to offer to lead a group, whether a new one or formed from an existing group, or if you are able to open your group to others and their new perspectives. We need each other to support our Christian life and discipleship.

Revd Trudie Wigley

St Timothy's Prayer Group

The number of Group member's remains at 8, but throughout last year there was no occasion where everybody could attend. By October we accepted that we would find it difficult to meet together over the winter so we decided to meet 'virtually' instead. We drew up a list of prayers we would like to include and agreed that 1 person would collect any additional prayers from members and then message everyone. We now pray together every Tuesday afternoon between 2 & 3 pm. We did meet together at St Tim's before Christmas and will meet again in the spring to discuss how we proceed.

Brenda Phillips

M&M's (formerly the Tuesday evening Group)

The group consists of 13 members who meet for prayer and Bible study. Members of the group now share responsibility for study and opening and closing prayer. Last year we experimented with meeting every other week instead of weekly, however, we decided that weekly meetings were better and so we now meet every Monday afternoon at 2pm. Angela Roe, Ann Murphy, Nicki Clinch and Angela Davidson share their homes for a month at a time.

We all appreciate the fellowship and friendship that studying and praying together brings, and have experienced the comfort of knowing our friends are praying and have had answers to prayer. Over the last year we completed the Bible Society's Romans Course; and have studied The Wind of the Spirit, an Advent Course: Singing the Story and are currently studying A Lifetime Bible Study. (These courses are taken from the Faith and Worship website). We have also had a creative session to infill between ending one course and starting the Advent course, not limiting creativity to solely craft. This was enjoyed by all who were there and I'm sure will be repeated. We are looking forward to the 2026 Lent study by Lectio 365 The Desert Fathers and Mothers.

Angela Roe

House Group

Tuesday Group continues to meet every two weeks at St Tim's. We continue to learn together and are a great support to one another. We have just completed the Lord's Prayer course by J. John and none of us will say that prayer in the same way again! We once again co-ordinated and helped make the angels and doves which were hung out around the community at Christmas

Deb Mulcock

Thursday evening group

We are a diverse group of 10 people who have been meeting on and off since 2023. In 2025 we finished off the Bible course, and then enjoyed looking at the book of Romans in more depth using material from the Bible Society, and were challenged to look for Hope in Hard places by Embrace the Middle East over Lent, and we rejoiced with 2 of our members as they were confirmed in their faith. We enjoy meeting together on a regular basis, growing in our faith and in our friendships

Nathalie Marshall

Edgehill Care Home

Edgehill Care Home is situated in Liden quite close to St Tim's. I go about once a month, usually on a Wednesday morning, and lead a half-hour service, some traditional hymns, prayers, and a reading and a reflection. We have now moved this to one of the smaller lounges rather than the Main Lounge, as there is less disturbance there. I also on occasions share Communion some of the residents, mainly those with a Church background. This is an important part of our seeking to be presence in the community, and if anyone feels that they can come along and support this, please let me know and I will speak to the Home about the possibility.

Deacon Stephen Roe

The Avalon Centre

The Avalon Centre is a rehabilitation centre for patients with severe brain trauma, typically caused by an accident or a stroke. It is situated on Edison Park (opposite Morrison's). I go for an hour about once every couple of weeks, at a time when there are no formal sessions taking place, and play Bingo and chat to some of the patients. I am also available if any of the patients or staff wish to talk about matters relating to faith, or any other subject, with someone independent from the system, but this happens very rarely. St Paul's is also a designated Emergency Evacuation Centre for the Avalon Centre, in the unlikely event of a disaster meaning that the Centre has to be evacuated at extremely short notice. Again, this is a significant aspect of us showing that God has a concern for the community outside the Church.

Deacon Stephen Roe

Knit and Chat

We continue with the same regular knitters. Small children's clothes have been donated to the Salvation Army and charities overseas. Also hats gloves and scarves to both. Blankets and muffs have been gratefully received by Swindon care homes. We continue to knit and chat, enjoying good company too. Thank you to Dorcan Church for allowing us to meet at St Timothy's, we look forward to continuing for many years.

Brenda Phillips

CiD'S CAFÉ and CiD'S CAFÉ TOO (Café In Dorcan)

CiD's Café

It always gives me a buzz when I arrive at St. Paul's church on Tuesdays mornings; it is an amazing opportunity to meet friends both old and new and also to serve them in such a way that brings so much joy and happiness. We are still growing as a fellowship with some people coming in from the bereavement group meeting in the small hall; also others who have heard about CiD's by word of mouth elsewhere. A small number are church members, but as far as I know, the majority have no connection with St. Paul's church or any other church apart from the bereavement group. However, last November Armistice Day fell on a Tuesday. We invited everyone to join us in the chapel from 10.45 hrs for a short act of remembrance and nearly everyone did so.

I feel that Dorcan Church is providing a very balanced service here; facilities for the bereavement group to meet in the small hall, with a fellowship meeting in the large hall where people can meet friends both old and new and get further support if needed in a warm, safe and friendly environment. We are aware that people joining CiD's from the bereavement group have most likely lived through one of the saddest, most difficult and upsetting part of their lives. I see it as part of my responsibilities here to give them some sense of normality. A listening ear and a friendly face is something that I can offer anyone without having to know anything about their personal lives. However, some people do open up telling me about their life's experiences. This of course remains confidential but shows that we are trusted and appreciated.

During the last year, one of our most loved members Barbara passed away. We knew her as 'knitting Barbara' because she was always knitting. She seemed to have a knack of taking balls of wool in different colours and turning them into any shape, garment, toy or whatever she wanted to make. Her family asked if they could have the wake at St. Paul's because they said that was where her friends were. Of course, the CiD's team served them and it was so nice to get to know her family just a little bit.

We have experienced steady growth over the 31/2 years we have been meeting and have now increased from using three sets of tables to four, which gives us an additional seating capacity of about 12 places so now seating around 36 people. God willing, may we continue to meet all these dear people and look forward to another year of fellowship together.

Colin Parsons

CiD's Café Too

We continue to meet every Tuesday at St Timothy's from 10am-12 noon. This is proving to be a valuable space providing support and company for a number of people of a variety of ages. Numbers vary, but are usually between 10-15. We do sometimes have children coming along during the school holidays, and open up the Church at those times to provide a space for them to play.

Some of our volunteers have had to ask to step down from the rota this year, and we are extremely grateful to those who have stepped up and agreed to be 'on duty' more frequently. However, we know that at least two more volunteers will be moving on this year, and we are reaching the stage where more volunteers are going to be needed if this activity is to continue. Please pray about this, and if you feel that this is something you could offer to help with, please speak to Stephen or Trudie. You need to be available for about three hours on a Tuesday morning approximately once a month, and have the ability to make tea and coffee, cut up cake, and chat.

Deacon Stephen Roe

THE FOOD COLLECTIVE

We opened the Distribution Centre at St Timothy's in July 2022 and started with 12 volunteers. We are now in the first two months of 2026 /27. Paul as team leader/manager, and Angela Roe as deputy team leader. Angela will be leaving with Stephen as he is retiring. I therefore will need someone to step up to the position of deputy team leader. I will give the necessary training, it is not arduous and it will only be once a month, so I can have a break. The number of referrals has been steady, although numbers shot up at the week before Christmas where we fed approximately 19 people (that is adults and children combined). Since the start of this year 2026 we are steady, with two to four referrals each week.

We have lost a few volunteers attending each week, so now we have three to each session including team leader or the deputy. Signs are showing we are beginning to see a slight increase, as the referrals are realising that we are actually here at Liden, and their clients don't have to go into town to get food, when they live this end of Dorcan.

We do receive clients from further afield, due to their need, and we are the only centre open Friday mornings. Numbers rise occasionally if a family is large in people, as many as six or seven. So, signs are encouraging going forward, with God's help. I, on behalf of Swindon Food Collective, wish to thank all our volunteers, the church council and the clergy for their continued support of their time and personage in the outreach to the community and wider Swindon area of those in need of support. Thank you.

Paul Tayler, Team Leader/Manager

REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR AND COMMUNITY CENTRE OPERATIONAL MANAGER

Blink twice and 2025 disappeared in a flash! But what a mixed year. One of God's provision, kindness, joy, and mercy. Changes within the Church's Local Ecumenical Co-operative Scheme went more smoothly than anticipated. The loss of some dear friends and family, all of whom are deeply missed, and the changes with our financial governance, all added to this varied year.

Some particular highlights for me included the spring flowers around the front of the Church—these always make me smile. Another highlight was the start-up of a board games evening (yes, I'm a confirmed board games nut!!). Later in the year, the Autumn Show, the return of the Big Band, and the numerous fundraising events all stood out as memorable moments.

It is an honour and a pleasure to look after your administration and hall bookings. Handling these administrative tasks for individuals and groups within the Church allows them to dedicate more time to their own ministries and enhance their service to our community. And allows me to get creative with the posters!

Regular Hall bookings continue to grow, and we are now at full capacity. We have become a venue where groups such as the North Swindon Big Band, the Male Voice Choir, and the Choral Society are eager to hold their concerts. Children's birthday parties are as popular as ever on the weekends. The NHS still holds monthly blood donation sessions, and the NHS also ran a diabetic prevention course.

However, as always, these bookings rely completely on a dedicated team of volunteers without whom none of these events could happen. A huge thank you to all of you who give up your free time to support our community centre. Your commitment is genuinely appreciated.

I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us this year. Blessings in abundance!

Maggie Johnson



2025

The Dorcan Church

2025 ECC Accounts



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Tony Prichard
Treasurer
December 2025

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Accounting policies

Pending Dissolution of the Charity. (Dorcan Church Swindon, Registered Charity 1143702)

Until 24th November 2024 the Dorcan Church had been operating as a Single Congregational Local Ecumenical Partnership (SCLEP). On that date agreements were signed which approved the dissolution of this SCLEP and its replacement with a Local Ecumenical Co-operative Scheme (LECS). This meant that this charity (Dorcan Church Swindon, Registered Charity 1143702) would also need to be dissolved, since it underpinned the SCLEP. Governance of the Parish and Benefice of Dorcan, Swindon was also required to transition to standard arrangements for an Anglican parish, with the Parochial Church Council (PCC) becoming the principal decision-making and controlling body.

Consequently, on 27th March 2025 the trustees of Dorcan Church Swindon passed a resolution that:

- in accordance with para 57(b) of its Governing Document, on dissolution it will transfer its remaining funds to the Dorcan PCC subject to the PCC agreeing to honour the terms of existing restrictions on the use of any the funds transferred.
Note: para 57(b) allows the transfer of the remaining assets to “a charity or charities for purposes the same as, or similar to the purpose of the Charity”
- authorised the Treasurer to do that in stages to allow an orderly transfer of liabilities to the PCC.

Following an extended process to open a bank account for Dorcan PCC, this financial transition finally began in late 2025. By 31st December income of £4,690 and expenditure of £50 had been diverted from the Dorcan Church Swindon account to Dorcan PCC (and consequently is not included in these accounts) .

It is anticipated that the dissolution of the Dorcan Church Swindon charity will be completed at some point during 2026, with all funds having been transferred to Dorcan PCC prior to this.

Going concern accounting policy

These accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern until all funds are transferred to Dorcan PCC. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves £35,700, also designated reserves that can be drawn down if necessary and a zero cash balance.

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102 SORP 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the ECC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The Receipts and Payments method has been used to present the accounts.

Related Parties Transactions.

- Trustees’ remuneration and benefits. During the year no trustee received any remuneration or benefit.
- Trustees’ expenses. During the year trustees received expenses directly attributed to their agreed working expenses including but not restricted to: Telephone, travel, purchase of materials wholly and necessary to the running of the charity.

Fund accounting

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the ECC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is either to be used as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted Funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific ECC activity intended by the donor.

Unrestricted Funds are income funds, which are to be spent on the ECC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the ECC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the ECC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the ECC will move any surplus to other general funds.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the ECC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the ECC. The Diocesan parish share and the Methodist quota are expected to be paid over and is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Reserves

Approximately three months' operating costs above our normal turnover are held in the general account as a reserve. At the moment this amounts to £35,700.

Fixed assets

Consecrated, benefice and circuit property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s10 (2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the ministers and churchwardens/stewards on special trust for the ECC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis of 20% over five years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

There are no investments to be valued at 31 December.

Funds

General Fund

The General Fund represents the amounts available to the ECC to meet its ongoing obligations, based on the assumption that restricted funds are not available for general use. The ECC aims to hold several months operating costs in general funds. At 31st December 2025 the balance represents around three months' costs.

Mission Fund

To be distributed at the discretion of the ECC

Holiday Club Fund

For the provision of a children's Holiday Club.

Parish Weekend Fund

To assist those of limited means to attend Parish Weekends.

Centre Maintenance Fund.

A fund derived from the transfer from the General Fund as agreed by the Church Council for the maintenance of the two centres

St. Paul's Fabric Fund—(Designated)

Monies raised by our fundraising team. These are used in agreement with this team and with the approval of the ECC, to fund specific maintenance and development projects related to our buildings. Originally the Church share of the proceeds from the sale of the vicarage. To be used at the discretion of the ECC.

St. Paul's Fabric Fund (restricted)

Fund for donations used for Roof Repairs to St. Paul's. Should there be any surplus this may be used for other repairs to both St. Paul's and St. Timothy's.

Tiny Tot's (St. Paul's)

Funds held for St. Paul's Tiny Tots to be used at their direction

Tiny Tot's (St. Tim's)

Funds held for St. Tim's Tiny Tots to be used at their direction

Cid's café too (Formerly Tea and Toast)

Funds held for Cid's café Too at St. Timothy's

Card Class

Funds raised by the Card Class to be used at their direction. This fund is now empty, the Card Class having closed in 2024.

Monday House Group (Formerly Monday Cell Group)

Funds held on behalf of the Monday House Group to be used at their discretion.

Uganda Link

Used to finance activities connected with the Diocesan Uganda Link.

Youth Club

Funds held for the church Youth Club to be used at their discretion

Carl Gase Legacy Fund

Fund from the estate of the late Carl Gase.

Viv Craig Legacy

Fund from the estate of the late Viv Craig

Archdeacon's Grant

Grant to assist with the structural transition from a Local Ecumenical Project (LEP) to Local Ecumenical Co-operative Scheme (LECS)

Agency Collections

Funds collected on behalf of another charity or organisation, which do not form part of the income of the Dorcan Church.

Various collections are held on behalf of other organisations and these are paid over as soon as practical.

CommentOverall Summary

These accounts show a deficit of -£6,889 for 2025, but in the current state of ecumenical transition this reflects a positive, and better than anticipated, financial performance.

This is because:

a) A one-off grant of £7k was awarded to the Church in 2024 by the Archdeacon to assist with ecumenical transition. £6024 of this was carried over at the end of that year and then spent (as planned) during 2025. This was always going to be a significant amount of expenditure not matched with equivalent income during 2025, essentially an expected overspend.

b) Also, by 31st December 2025 a net surplus of £4,640 of Dorcan Church's income and expenditure had been been transitioned from the Dorcan Church, Swindon charity to the Dorcan PCC charity.

So, combining the PCC surplus with the Dorcan Church, Swindon deficit leaves an overall net deficit of -£2,249 for the Church as a whole, which is smaller than the £6,024 overspend expected in connection with the Archdeacon's grant.

Income

Income for 2025 was considerably down on 2024, but the 2024 figure included circa £30k raised through special fundraising activity for the major roof repair at St Paul's and also the one-off £7k granted by the Archdeacon to support ecumenical transition. Compared with the more normal year of 2023, 2025 income was up by 1.9% (and by 6.3% when PCC income is also included).

2025 was a year of continued fund raising with rental income exceeding our budgeted amount. Our congregation continued with their offering which fell short of our budget expectations by £3K, but a successful Gift Day appeal raised over £4,700 (£1.7k above budget). Our day to day expenditure has largely been within budget. Despite the challenges of increased cost of water, gas and electricity we have ended the year largely within our expected budget.

Expenditure

Comparing with 2023 (our most recent 'normal' year, see above), 2025 expenditure increased by 6.9%

However, 2025 included a special one-off spend of approximately £6k on overhauling the Church's safeguarding policies and procedures. A specialist was employed to do this, so this accounts for the major portion of the increase in Staff wages. The funding for this work came from the Archdeacon's grant, since this was considered 'backfill' activity, freeing up others to work on the ecumenical transition. If this item is ignored, 2025 expenditure was only up 2.5% on 2023.

2025 expenditure also includes another significant one-off amount, that being the £5912 spent on the repair and modernisation of the St Paul's electrical infrastructure. This was required to bring it up to current standards.

Otherwise, during 2025 both our Parish Share and Methodist Assessment have been paid as they became due; our day to day expenditure was largely within budget, and, despite the challenges of increased cost of water, gas and electricity, overall we have ended the year largely within our expected budget.

Budget

As implied above, during 2025 we have been able to continue working to a budget built on previous years' financial work. This makes the work of the Finance Committee a lot easier as we are able to monitor progress throughout the year.

Gift Aid / Parish Giving Scheme

Gift aid claims on donations made directly to the Church continue to be made quarterly. This maintains our cash flow, but we also continue with the Parish Giving Scheme whereby members can donate by direct debit. Donations and Tax recoverable from Gift Aid are received monthly from this scheme, reducing the work of the Treasurer and further improving our cash flow.

Church Fabric

In order to facilitate the work of the Church it is important that we maintain the fabric of both St. Timothy's and St. Paul's Church and Community Centre. Both are important to our work while bringing financial challenges.

The Future

In 2025 there were a number of challenges in the maintenance of our buildings. A number of items at St. Timothy's still require addressing. It is vital that we do not lose sight of the ongoing day-to-day financial needs of our Church. If our general income drops our outreach and mission, or that of our parent denominations, will consequently suffer. Maintaining or, if possible, increasing our regular giving through direct debit, standing order or envelope scheme remains key in this regard.

Statement of Financial Activities

Income and Endowments from:	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	89,650	3,327	505	93,482	132,880
Income from charitable activities	2,034	-	330	2,364	2,244
Other trading activities	38,259	2,746	-	41,005	40,798
Investments	2,077	-	-	2,077	2,454
Other income	599	-	-	599	630
Total income	132,619	6,073	835	139,527	179,006
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	74	-	-	74	1,028
Expenditure on charitable activities	131,777	13,703	842	146,322	165,318
Other Expenditure (Loan Repayments)	-	-	-	-	1,000
Total expenditure	131,851	13,703	842	146,396	167,346
Transfers					
Gross Transfers Between Funds - In	2,000	5,000	-	7,000	2,555
Gross Transfers Between Funds - Out	(5,000)	(2,000)	-	(7,000)	(2,555)
	(3,000)	3,000	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	(2,232)	(4,630)	(7)	(6,869)	11,660
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds Brought Forward	46,266	23,273	8,783	78,322	78,322
Net Movement in Funds	(2,232)	(4,630)	(7)	(6,869)	11,660
Total Funds Carried Forward	44,034	18,643	8,776	71,453	89,982

Receipts and Payments Account

Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from Donations and Legacies					
Gift Aid - Bank - SO St.Paul's	43,249	-	-	43,249	47,987
Gift Aid - Bank - SO St.Tim's	7,467	-	-	7,467	7,502
Gift Aid - Envelopes - St. Paul's	4,066	-	-	4,066	4,535
Gift Aid - Envelopes - St. Tim's	1,074	-	-	1,074	3,258
Other planned giving - St. Paul's	8,600	-	-	8,600	8,691
Other planned giving - St. Tim's	817	-	-	817	1,066
Plate collections - St. Paul's	1,375	-	145	1,520	4,295
Plate collections - St. Timothy's	448	-	325	773	1,477
Regular gift days	4,759	-	-	4,759	2,618
One-off Gift Aid gifts	-	-	-	-	20
Donations appeals etc	1,473	827	35	2,335	21,689
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	16,051	-	-	16,051	17,747
Non-recurring one-off grants	-	2,500	-	2,500	11,587
Other funds generated	271	-	-	271	408
	89,650	3,327	505	93,482	132,880
Income from Charitable Activities					
Youth Club	-	-	330	330	393
Fees for weddings, funerals etc.	1,619	-	-	1,619	1,408
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	-	-	-	-	2
Church hall lettings-objectives - St.T	415	-	-	415	441
	2,034	-	330	2,364	2,244
Other Trading Activities					
Fetes, Bazaars and Rummage sales etc	100	2,746	-	2,846	3,135
Bookstall Sales - Fund raising	16	-	-	16	1
Church hall lettings-fund raising - St.P	38,143	-	-	38,143	37,662
	38,259	2,746	-	41,005	40,798
Investments					
Bank and building society interest	2,077	-	-	2,077	2,454
	2,077	-	-	2,077	2,454
Other Income					
Income for events	599	-	-	599	630
	599	-	-	599	630
Total Income	132,619	6,073	835	139,527	179,006

Receipts and Payments Account

Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on Stewardship and Fund Raising					
Fees paid to fund raisers	-	-	-	-	964
Costs of stewardship campaign	74	-	-	74	64
	74	-	-	74	1,028
Expenditure on Charitable Activities					
Event Expenses	599	-	-	599	630
Mission & Evangelism	1,210	-	442	1,652	2,664
Nominated Charities	505	-	-	505	425
Secular Charities	-	-	200	200	-
Fees due to Diocesan Board of Finance	1,076	-	-	1,076	870
Ministry parish share etc	61,020	-	-	61,020	51,000
Methodist Assessment	14,834	-	-	14,834	19,638
Assistant staff costs	34	-	-	34	15
Staff wages	23,647	6,036	-	29,683	21,788
Working expenses of ministers	583	-	-	583	380
Council tax	1,073	-	-	1,073	1,069
Water rates - St. Paul's	1,358	-	-	1,358	1,127
Vicar's telephone	152	-	-	152	160
Training	-	-	-	-	19
Church running - insurance - St.P	1,784	-	-	1,784	1,792
Church Running - Insurance - St.T	580	-	-	580	537
Church office - telephone	751	-	-	751	719
Organ / piano tuning	237	-	-	237	186
Upkeep of services-Adult	1,861	-	-	1,861	1,661
Upkeep of services - Children & Youth	118	-	-	118	-
Messy Church	34	-	-	34	29
Youth Club	-	-	200	200	414
Upkeep of churchyard	374	143	-	517	32
Administration	1,525	-	-	1,525	6,147
Hospitality-Visiting speakers / locums	35	-	-	35	-
Church Family - Acts of Kindness	100	-	-	100	93
Church running - Electric - ST.P	494	-	-	494	389
Church running - Electricity - ST.T	589	-	-	589	607
Church running - gas - ST.P	1,047	-	-	1,047	1,196
Church running - gas ST.T	2,430	-	-	2,430	2,028
Hall running - electric - St.Pauls	2,775	-	-	2,775	2,204
Hall running - gas - St.P	5,936	-	-	5,936	6,570
Hall running - maintenance - ST.P	4,260	7,524	-	11,784	5,170
Hall running - Maintenance - ST.T	604	-	-	604	835
Hall running - telephone	152	-	-	152	161
Governance costs - Examination/Audit fee	-	-	-	-	794
Hall + major repairs - installation SP	-	-	-	-	3,160
Church Major RepairsStructure	-	-	-	-	30,810
	131,777	13,703	842	146,322	165,319
Other Expenditure					
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	1,000
	-	-	-	-	1,000
Total Expenditure	131,851	13,703	842	146,396	167,347
Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure	768	(7,630)	(7)	(6,869)	11,659

Centre Accounts

St. Paul's Centre

	2025 £	2024 £
Income		
Church Hall - Fund raising - St. Paul's	38,143	37,662
	38,143	37,662
Expenditure		
Staff Wages (80%) Manager & Cleaning	10,940	11,528
Council Tax	1,073	1,176
Water Rates - St. Paul's	1,358	1,127
Hall Running - electric - St. Paul's	2,775	2,204
Hall Running - gas - St. Paul's	5,936	6,570
Hall Running - maintenance - St. Paul's	11,784	5,170
Hall Running - telephone	152	161
Administration (80%)	1,220	944
	35,238	28,880
Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure	2,905	8,782

St. Tim's

Income		
Church hall lettings- objectives - St. Tim's	415	441
	415	441
Expenditure		
Staff Wages (20%) Manager & Cleaning	2,735	2,882
Church running - Electricity - St. Tim's	589	607
Church running - Gas - St. Tim's	2,430	2,028
Hall running - maintenance - St. Tim's	604	835
Administration Charge (20%)	305	1,225
	6,663	7,577
Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure	(6,248)	(7,136)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank and In Hand					
Bank Current Account - Co-operative Bank					
General Fund	8,243	-	-	8,243	10,553
Tiny Tots - St.Paul's	-	-	396	396	371
Tiny Tots - St. Tim's	-	-	566	566	462
Youth Club	-	-	420	420	573
Centre Maintenance	-	-	-	-	4,767
St. Paul's Fabric Fund	-	6,143	-	6,143	1,970
Monday House Group	-	-	12	12	212
Tea & Toast (Cid's Café 2)	-	-	677	677	460
Archdeacons Grant	-	-	-	-	6,036
	8,243	6,143	2,071	16,457	25,404
Bank Deposit Account - Methodist CFB					
General fund	35,791	-	-	35,791	35,713
Centre Maintenance	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Mission Fund	-	500	-	500	500
Carl Gase Legacy Fund	-	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Uganda Link	-	-	142	142	142
Viv Craig Legacy	-	-	5,528	5,528	5,528
Holiday Club	-	-	535	535	535
Parish weekend	-	-	500	500	500
	35,791	12,500	6,705	54,996	52,918
Total Cash at Bank and In Hand	44,034	18,643	8,776	71,453	78,322
Fixed Assets					
Ricoh Photocopier (£3.360 Initial cost)	2,688	-	-	2,688	3,360
	2,688	-	-	2,688	3,360
Debtors (Footnotes)					
Accounts Receivable					
General Fund	430	-	-	430	2,736
	430	-	-	430	2,736
Creditors (Footnotes)					
Accounts payable					
General Fund	3,536	-	-	3,536	2,941
	3,536	-	-	3,536	2,941

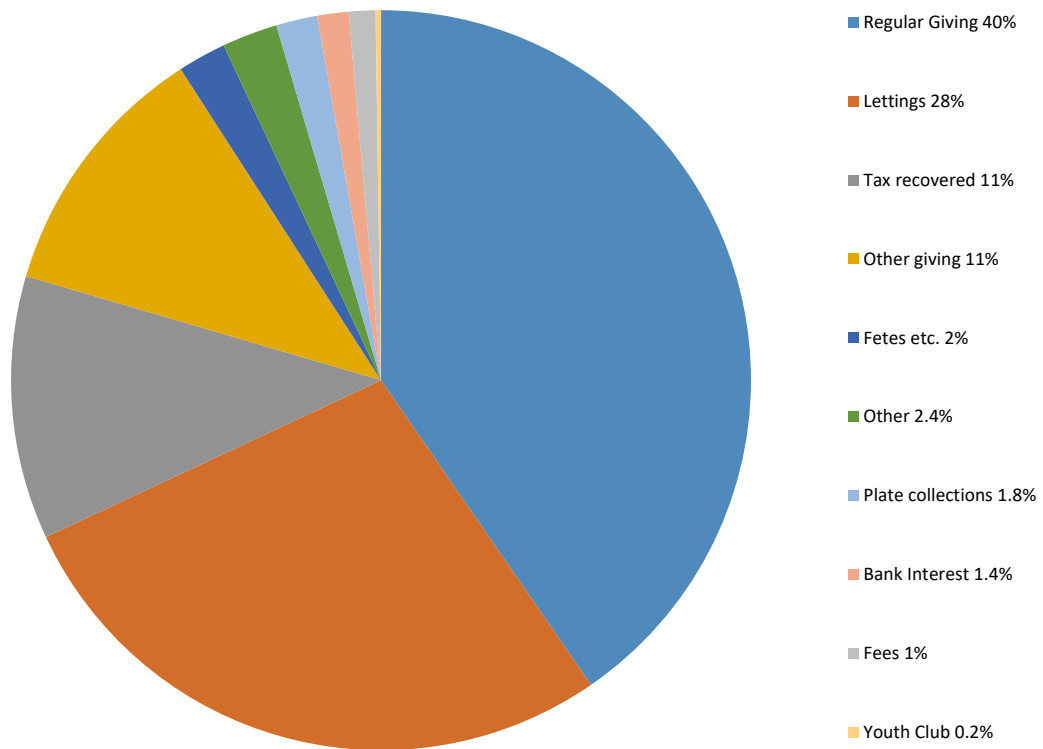
Funds income and expenditure

	Restricted/ Designated	Opening Balance 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing Balance 2025 £
Tiny Tots - St.Paul's	R	371	145	(120)	-	396
Tiny Tots - St. Tim's	R	462	143	(39)	-	566
Youth Club	R	573	330	(483)	-	420
Uganda Link	R	142	-	-	-	142
Mission Fund	D	500	-	-	-	500
Centre Maintenance	D	4,767	-	(5,767)	3,000	2,000
St. Paul's Fabric Fund Designated	D	1,970	6,073	(1,900)	-	6,143
Carl Gase Legacy Fund	D	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Viv Craig Legacy Fund	R	5,528	-	-	-	5,528
Monday House Group	R	212	-	(200)	-	12
Holiday Club	R	535	-	-	-	535
Parish Weekend	R	500	-	-	-	500
Tea & Toast (Cid's Café 2)	R	460	217	-	-	677
Archdeacon's Grant	D	6,036	-	(6,036)	-	-
		<u>32,056</u>	<u>6,908</u>	<u>(14,546)</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>27,418</u>

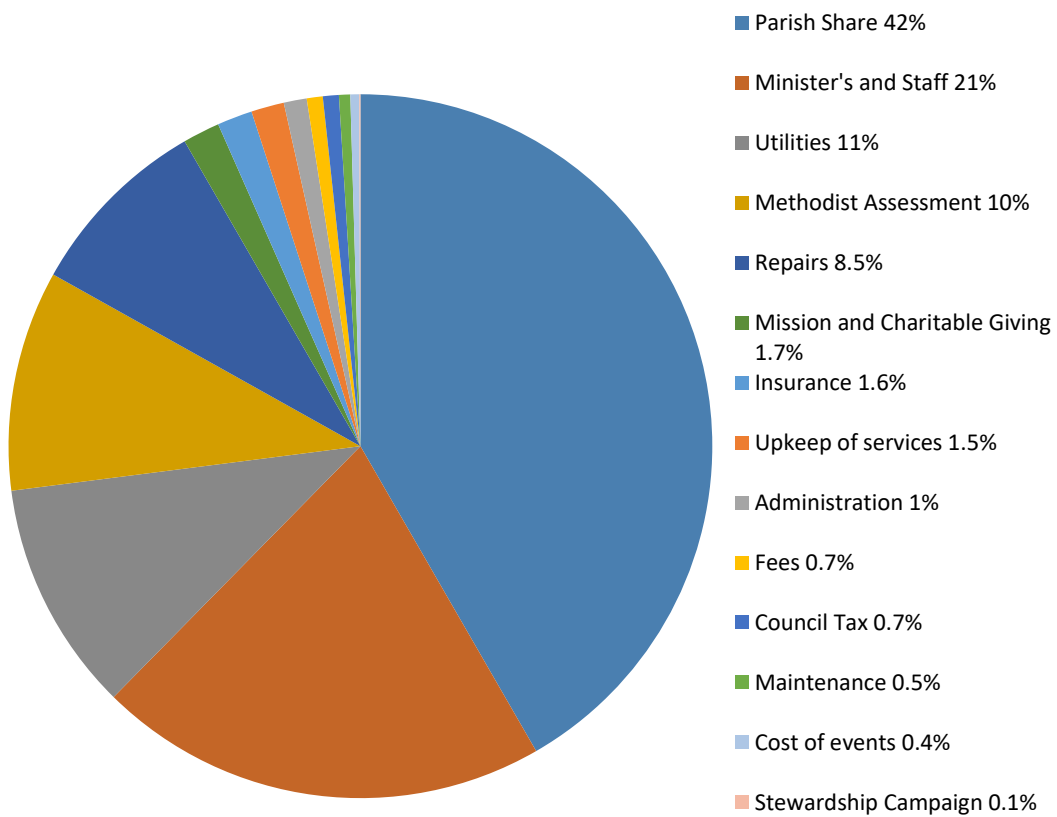
Foot Notes

	2025 £	2024 £
Debtors		
Hall rents - December	430	-
HMRC - Gift Aid Tax recovered Q4	-	2,009
	-	163
BusinessPaye - Payroll support	-	564
	430	2,736
Creditors		
Hills Waste	-	74
Daisy Communications - Dec. Mobile phones	26	24
Daisy Communications - Dec. Broadband	80	57
Children's Society	250	235
Action for Children – Formerly NCH	250	235
British Gas – Electricity (St. Paul's)	371	-
British Gas – Gas (St. Paul's)	1,742	1,013
British Gas - Gas (St. Tim's)	235	-
British Gas - Electricity (St. Tim's)	60	-
Advance Hall Bookings	323	1,302
Renelec-Hennion	139	-
Aldbourn Methodist Church	60	-
	3,536	2,941

Dorcan Church Income 2025



Dorcan Church Expenditure 2025



2025 accounts

Approved at a meeting of the Dorcan Church Ecumenical Church Council

Nathalie Marshall

Nathalie Marshall
Chair Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council

Date 9th. March 2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES/MEMBERS OF
DORCAN ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council (the ECC) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the ECC 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 ECC'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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect :

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act ; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

PJ Crowley

P J crowley

10 April 2026

Date

DORCAN ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

- 1) The financial statements of Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council (the ECC) have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- 2) The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities :
 - moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the ECC and which require a faculty for disposal.
 - land and buildings held on behalf of the ECC.
 - other fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the ECC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty.
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 - amounts owing from H M Revenue & Customs.
 - any other amounts owing to the ECC including church hall lettings.
- 4) Closing bank balances are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.
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REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR AND COMMUNITY CENTRE OPERATIONAL MANAGER

I have now spent three years as Church Administrator and two years as the Community Centre Operational Manager. Both of these roles are still running smoothly together, and I no longer feel like a newcomer. I have developed a clearer understanding of my responsibilities and how things are meant to operate. I have even got to know a number of you face to face, which has been rather nice.

Last year presented several challenges and changes within the Church and its building, but through prayer and patience, we are finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Money raised for the roof and watching the signing of the LECS was a particular highlight and a privilege to witness.

By taking on administrative tasks for various individuals and groups within the Church. I'm able to free up their time which enables them to focus on their own ministries and better serve our community.

Hall bookings continue to grow and we have something on every single day, some days having multiple events. Children's birthday parties are particularly popular on the weekends, and we have also received a few bookings for training sessions. However, these events rely on a dedicated team of volunteers who help open and close the hall. Without this amazing team, these events would not be possible, so I want to extend a huge thank you to all of you who give up your free time to support our community centre. Your contributions are genuinely appreciated. I look forward to seeing what this year brings. Blessings in abundance!

Maggie Johnson



Building God's House

Knowing Jesus and making Him known

Transforming Lives and Communities



Pages 1- 23

These pages represent our report to The Charity Commission in a format and with content as required for charities with an income greater than £100,000

Ecumenical Church Council formally approved the report on
29th April 2025

Pages 24-32

These pages celebrate the mission and ministry of The Dorcan Church and are reports that have been offered by the Church family.

CiD's Café Too

We have continued with the pattern established last year of it being a coffee morning aimed at older adults, meeting every Tuesday at St Timothy's from 10am-12 noon. This is proving to be a valuable space providing support and company for a number of people. Numbers vary, but are usually between 10-15. We do sometimes have children coming along during the school holidays, and open up the Church at those times to provide a space for them to play.

We are very pleased that we have been able to welcome some new volunteers to join the team of helpers during the year, and that for some it has provided a way into deeper involvement with the Church and exploration of faith. As ever, we are extremely grateful to those volunteers who regularly support the coffee morning, it couldn't run without them. If you feel that this is something you could offer to help with, please speak to Stephen or Trudie. You need to be available for about three hours approximately once a month, and have the ability to make tea and coffee, cut up cake, and chat.

Deacon Stephen Roe

THE FOOD COLLECTIVE

We opened the Distribution Centre at St Timothy's in July 2022 and started with 12 volunteers. We are now in the first two months of 2025 /26. Paul as team leader/manager, and Angela Roe as deputy team leader. The number of referrals has been steady, although numbers shot up at the week before Christmas where we fed 30 people (that is adults and children combined). Since the start of this year we are steady, with two to four referrals each week.

We have lost a number of volunteers attending each week and reduced them to three to each session due to the low number of clients we are receiving, although signs are showing we are beginning to see a slight increase, as the referrals are realising that we are actually here at Liden and their clients don't have to go into town to get food, when they live this end of Dorcan.

We do receive clients from further afield, due to their need, and we are the only centre open Friday mornings. Numbers rise occasionally if a family is large in people, as many as six or seven. So, signs are encouraging going forward, with God's help. I, on behalf of Swindon Food Collective, wish to thank all our volunteers, the church council and the clergy. For their continued support of their time and personage in the outreach to the community and wider Swindon area of those in need of support. Thank you.

**Paul Tayler
Team Leader /Manager**

members of other Churches in Parks and Walcot and eventually after advertising, a few non churchgoers also joined. Queens Drive Church closed in 2016 and for a while the group met in the lounge area at George Hall Court in Cavendish Square, but gaining access became very difficult. In 2018 the Dorcan Church was approached through Andrew Wigley who was of course the Minister at Queens Drive when the group started. We are very grateful that they agreed to allow us to meet at St Timothy's.

There are currently 16 registered members, 5 of whom are from the original group. We meet on the first Monday each month and we do knit as well as chat and have tea and cake. Items are taken to three places – Edgehill Care Home, who also share items with other care homes in Swindon; the Salvation Army, and a charity which delivers clothing to Eastern European countries. In 2024 we donated 167 items of baby clothes and 24 children's jumpers. Adult items were 72 hats, 12 scarves, 40 pairs of fingerless gloves, 15 pairs of mittens, 35 muffs, 7 cowls, 7 small blankets and 8 large blankets. Most of the wool we use is donated and if you look for our advert in the Handy Mag you can find out how to donate any wool you have spare or any knitting you do at home if you don't want to come to the meetings.

Brenda Phillips

CiD'S CAFÉ and CiD'S CAFÉ TOO
(Café In Dorcan)

CiD's Café

Twelve months ago, I wrote a report for the 2024 AGM saying how I felt that CiD's Café at St. Paul's was such a success, allowing people to make new friends over a cup of tea/coffee etc. I had found many new friends myself and felt uplifted by the way people appreciated what we were doing for them. But what joy we have experienced this year after moving from the small hall into the large hall. It does get very busy as we now have more visitors than we could ever have accommodated in the small hall. However, the chatter, laughter and general feeling of friendship is something that is very precious to me, and I am sure other helpers feel the same way. Most of the people that come only have very slight or no connection at all with the church, showing that this is a very real and very welcome outreach for the local community.

A few people recently have spoken to me about their personal problems. Whilst I cannot of course discuss any of this, it shows that we are trusted and people believe they can depend on us. With God's blessing, I believe we will continue to grow over the coming year, not just in numbers but that the fellowship that has been created will prove to be sustained, supporting people possibly when they are lonely or need to be with other people for any reason.

Colin Parsons

ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2024
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THE DORCAN CHURCH

*A Local Ecumenical Partnership between
The Church of England & the Methodist Church
Serving the Swindon urban villages of Covingham, Nythe, Liden & Eldene.*

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the world has been reconciled to God, and in Jesus Christ unity has been offered to all people. Through the Word, we are called into a relationship with God and with one another as the children of God – a relationship inaugurated by Baptism into Christ through the Holy Spirit, nurtured and deepened through the ministry of word and sacrament and expressed in a confession of one faith and a common life of loving service.

(From the Declaration of Intent of the Dorcan Church)

OUR PURPOSE

“Transforming lives and communities,
Knowing Jesus, and making Him known”

OUR PICTURE OF CHURCH

“A growing and vibrant church,
confident in its purpose and trusting in God”

A church which makes Jesus known
A church of disciples
A church in, and for, the community
A church which cares

House Group

We continue to meet twice a month on a Tuesday eve at St Tim's. At the moment we are studying the book of Revelation which is challenging! This past year we have enjoyed meals out, pottery painting, crafting for the Christmas event and co-ordinating the angels etc to put around our Estates at Christmas!

If you are not a member of a House Group at present I would definitely recommend joining one!

Deb Mulcock

Thursday evening group

We are a group of 10 people who mostly met on the 2023 lent course, and a few others who attend occasionally when work commitments allow. In 2024 we did the Lent course “The Difference Course” looking at peace making and disagreeing well, “Test Of Faith” published by the Faraday institute, looking at science and faith and the interaction between the two, and then worked our way through “The Bible Course” published by the bible society. We enjoy meeting together on a regular basis, growing in our faith and in our friendships.

Nathalie Marshall

Edgehill Care Home

Edgehill is a Care Home situated in Liden quite close to St Tim's. I go about once a month, usually on a Wednesday morning, and lead a half-hour service, some traditional hymns, prayers, and a reading and a reflection. There are usually about 12-15 residents attend. About once a month I also go to share Communion with a smaller number of the residents, mainly those with a Church background. This is an important part of our seeking to be presence in the community, and if anyone feels that they can come along and support this, please let me know and I will speak to the Home about the possibility.

Deacon Stephen Roe

The Avalon Centre

The Avalon Centre is a rehabilitation centre for patients with severe brain trauma, typically caused by an accident or a stroke. It is situated on Edison Park (opposite Morrison's). I go for an hour about once every couple of weeks, at a time when there are no formal sessions taking place and play Bingo and chat to some of the patients. I am also available if any of the patients or staff wish to talk about matters relating to faith, or any other subject, with someone independent from the system, but this happens very rarely. St Paul's is also a designated Emergency Evacuation Centre for the Avalon Centre, in the unlikely event of a disaster meaning that the Centre has to be evacuated at extremely short notice. Again, this is a significant aspect of us showing that God has a concern for the community outside the Church.

Deacon Stephen Roe

Knit and Chat

Knit and chat began in 2014 at Queens Drive Methodist Church when a few members arranged to meet to knit clothes for charity. We were joined by some

Monday morning group

We are a small group of retired people who meet weekly to study the bible and pray together. Over the past year we studied The Passion for our Lent Course, and studied the gospel of Luke, Colossians and minor characters in the New Testament. The facilitation of our group has been shared for the last 10 years between Colleen Wiseman and Jenny Poole. We are still recovering from the shock of losing Colleen last October after a sudden short illness caused by a brain tumour. Pam Wood has kindly stepped in to take her place as co-facilitator. If you are interested in joining us, we have space for another couple of people.

Jenny Poole

St Timothy’s Prayer Group

The Prayer group at St Timothy’s Church continue to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The group members have always been fairly small, but as age catches up on us all and health issues sometimes prevent us attending as regularly as we would like, numbers attending are very few. We do remember God’s promise to hear the prayers even if only two or three are gathered together and of course anyone is welcome to pray with us. Our prayers for more people to help make Tim’s a living and thriving part of the community have been answered, especially as regards Messy Church and other weekday activities. For this we thank the volunteers who usually attend St Paul’s for coming to help us out. This proves we are one united Dorcan Church.

Brenda Phillips

M&M’s (formerly the Tuesday evening Group)

The group consists of 12 members who meet for prayer and Bible study. Since our last report there have been a few changes. Barbara and I stood down as leaders after Easter last year. We both felt we needed a rest. Members of the group now share responsibility for study and opening and closing prayer.

The other change is that we now meet every second and fourth Monday afternoon at 2pm. Angela Roe, Ann Murphy and Nicki Clinch share their homes for two sessions at a time. The group needed to change the name, as we no longer meet on Tuesdays. They decided on M&M’s, Monday Ministry.

We all appreciate the fellowship and friendship that studying and praying together brings, and have experienced the comfort of knowing our friends are praying and have had answers to prayer. Over the last year we have studied the Bible Society’s The Bible Course; an Advent study; The Hope Course and infilled between courses with studies of various women from the Old Testament, such as Ruth, Esther, Sarah, Delilah and Rebekah. We are at present following The Romans Course, also from The Bible Society

Dianne Lane & Barbara Wilcox

ROLE OF ECC

The Trustees of the Dorcan Church are the Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council, which has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbents in promoting the activities of the Church in the Community. Members of the Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council are either ex-officio, elected at the Annual Church Meeting or co-opted in accordance with the Constitution Governing Document dated 10th April 2011, as amended from time to time thereafter.

Membership of Ecumenical Church Council (2024-2025)

Elected Members (elected for 3-year term)

Janet Prichard	until 2025	
Tony Prichard*	until 2025	Treasurer
Nicki Broom*	until 2026	Secretary
Nicki Clinch	until 2026	
Nathalie Marshall*	until 2026	Chair
Neil Marshall	until 2026	
Peter Mulcock*	until 2026	
Jenny Poole*	until 2026	
Chris Rose	until 2026	
Clare Rose	until 2026	
Sue Morgans	until 2027	
Clare Smith	until 2027	

Deanery Synod Representatives (elected for a 3-year term)

Jenny Poole*	until 2026
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Churchwarden (appointed on an annual basis)

Diane Killick*	until 2025
Vacancy	

Ministers

Revd Trudie Wigley*	ex-officio
Revd Stuart Fisher*	ex-officio
Deacon Stephen Roe*	ex-officio

*Standing Committee

Other Appointments: Church Stewards (Appointed on an annual basis)

Other non-trustee elected Positions:

St Paul's

Nathalie Marshall (Senior Church Steward)
Angela Davidson
Jo Hannigan
Diane Killick
Neil Marshall
Clare Rose

St Timothy's

Jo Bush
Ruth Dartnell
Sarah Paterson
Brenda Phillips
No senior steward appointed

Representatives to the Methodist Circuit meeting

Nathalie Marshall
Tony Prichard

Additional Facts and Figures

Average Sunday Attendance 2024 average

St Paul's	50 adults	1 under 16s
St Timothy's	15 adults	4 under 16
Messy Church (monthly)	14 adults	22 under 16
Total	84 adults	27 under 16s

Typical week-day attendance: 2024 average

Tiny Tots St Paul's	23 adults	29 children	5 volunteers
Tiny Tots St Timothy's	5 adults	6 children	4 volunteers
Cid's Café St Paul's	30 adults	0 children	4 volunteers
Cid's Too St Tim's	15 adults	0 children	2 volunteers
Blaze	6 adults	10 children	
Youth Group	6 adults	20 children	
Total	85 adults	65 children	

Messy Church

Over the past year we have been hosting a monthly Messy Church at St Tim's. Our strong, encouraging team of helpers enable families to come and enjoy crafts, breakfast and worship time together. This year we have built relationships with many families who regularly attend, as well as welcoming many new families during the past year. We have enjoyed getting to know them as they explore learning more about what it is to have faith in God and follow Jesus. This led to a very exciting event in September, when we held our first messy baptism within Messy church. It would be amazing to see more families becoming part of God's family through baptism in the year ahead.

Our sessions explore a different theme each month and included an All-Age Messy Nativity at Christmas, which we held at both St Tim's and St Paul's and was a really special time with older and younger members coming together, including some friends from CIDs. We would love to get more people involved and will continue to reach out to our communities at Liden and Covingham.

Clare Smith

Christmas Toy Appeal

This was the third year that we hosted the Christmas toy/gift event at St Paul's. Sixty six families benefited from generous donations from The Dorcan Church and the wider parish/circuit. Children received three main presents, two stocking fillers, a soft toy and a book each. Also a family game. Again, this was staffed by volunteers, displaying the gifts attractively, after moving large boxes from one place to another (and less heavy ones back again at the end). We opened for four consecutive days for four to six hours each time.

It was humbling to listen to their stories and hear how they coped with life's blows and difficulties. It was a privilege to meet them and laugh and cry with them. They were all so very grateful and touched by your generosity. Thank you all for your gifts that enabled them to give their children a happy Christmas.

Dianne Lane & Sandra Marshall

GROUPS AND COURSES

There are a number of home groups meeting across the Dorcan Church and the fellowship, encouragement and learning are important as we journey on in our discipleship. Meeting together in the week is integral to our Christ-like living and we have others who wish to join groups, and additionally we want to encourage as many of our church family as possible to be involved in a small group. However we simply do not have leaders to volunteer or groups who are able to invite others in, due to size or other reasons. Please do think whether you might be able to offer to lead a group, whether a new one or formed from an existing group, or if you are able to open your group to others and their new perspectives. We need each other to support our Christian life and discipleship.

Revd Trudie Wigley

Covingham Park Primary School

We have maintained our links with Covingham Park Primary School in a variety of ways. I have led occasional assemblies at the school with the different year groups, and we once again welcomed the children and staff, along with parents, carers, and wider family and friends, for their Harvest Festival and Christmas celebrations at St Paul's. We also welcomed the Year 4 classes to hear the Christmas story at 'Christmas Unwrapped', and the Year 5 classes to experience Easter at 'Easter Cracked Open'. We thank all those volunteers who supported any of these activities in a vital aspect of our outreach to the local community.

Deacon Stephen Roe

Liden Academy

We continue our strong relationship with Liden Academy and each half-term I am warmly invited to lead an assembly. They sing with gusto and it is a joy to see some of them also coming to Messy at St Timothy's. We also hold festival services for Harvest and Christmas, although for 2024 these were temporarily held in the school, rather than St Timothy's. I am also invited to judge the Easter bonnet competition (fun!) and school celebrations such as the summer fayre, Christmas jumper day etc. We also invite Liden for Christmas unwrapped and Easter cracked open at St Timothy's and it's a delight to also be there for these and to strengthen connections.

Rev Trudie Wigley

Dorcan Academy

Links with Dorcan are slowly strengthening. Every term I am invited into the school to meet and pray with the Head Teacher and am also on the oversight governing board. There is a sense of joy and energy whenever I visit, and it is a privilege to be invited into the Academy.

Rev Trudie Wigley

It's Your Move

Going up to that big school can seem daunting, and not knowing who or what to believe. We have been going into our local primary schools to Year 6 to share 'It's Your Move', a very helpful booklet from Scripture Union which address many of the questions students have. It is a fun session with games and sharing information, which is appreciated by students and teachers.

Diane Killick & Sue Morgans

Easter Cracked Open & Christmas Unwrapped

Christmas and Easter are such very special times in the church calendar, and we were once again delighted to welcome the pupils of Covingham, Nythe, Eldene and Liden, years 4 & 5 to a close up look, and discover the real reason we celebrate, through games, activities and crafts. Huge thanks to everyone involved so that we can provide this wonderful experience

Sue Morgans & Diane Killick

Occasional offices

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Baptisms	2	3	3	1	0	12	10	15	14
Funerals	5	7	7	16	18	16	24	9	13
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	1
Weddings	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS OF
AUTHORISED MINISTRIES

No changes to report this year

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
Year ending 31 December 2024

The governance of our charitable body called "Dorcan Church Swindon" is set out in the "Constitution Governing Document with a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership" (SCLEP) dated 10th April 2011, as amended thereafter.

The business of Dorcan Church Swindon is directed and overseen by the ECC, the Ecumenical Church Council. Trustees are elected from the Electoral Roll which has served as the Membership list of the SCLEP for many years. The maximum number of elected members to ECC is 13, although there has been a vacancy this year such that elected members are 12.

Meetings of ECC

The trustees met seven times during 2024, all in person. We are grateful to everyone who serves on ECC, for their time, energy and wisdom, and for the discussions we have had this past year. A significant focus has been the journey of amending our governance from an SCLEP to a Local Ecumenical Co-operative Scheme (LECS) and this has not always been easy. We have had some challenging conversations and have had to learn along the way, yet we have navigated through those challenges with grace and tolerance which is down to the love and grace of each member. Thank you.

Committees and working groups

The aims of the charity are effected through a number of committees and teams, as detailed below. We are immensely grateful for all that the committees do so diligently and prayerfully, without which our mission and ministry would be poorer. Thank you.

Centre Management Committee: The Centre Management Committee meets to co-ordinate property-related matters across the Dorcan Church in support of the Church's Vision and Mission. It forms a link between the 'do-ers' and the decision-making processes at Finance and ECC. It provides oversight to the Centre Administrator in the letting, maintenance and development of the premises at St Paul's and St Timothy's. The Centre Management Committee also sets out to balance the use of the centres both to help enable the mission of the church and also to provide facilities for the benefit of the community. The committee also delegates to other time-limited sub-groups, as needed.

Children and Young People: Our strong ministry to CYP continues through our schools work - assemblies, Christmas Unwrapped, Easter Cracked Open, festival services; missional outreach to young people and pre-schoolers in our community through Blaze/Youth group, Messy Church and Tiny Tots; as well as nurturing and caring for those children and young people who worship with us and are a part of The Dorcan Church. Currently each area of our CYP work meets independently and we do need to look at periodically coming together to support each other and look holistically at our CYP ministry.

Finance Committee: The team works under the delegated authority of the ECC and looks after our financial resources, managing the day-to-day finances of income, giving and expenditure. It looks to prepare an annual budget and annual accounts for approval by the ECC.

"Nuts and Bolts" team: The team comprises the Church Warden(s), Senior Steward and Incumbents. The group meets every 3-4 weeks and focuses on the day-to-day running of the church, centre, and upcoming services. It also serves as a sharing and ideas forum to aid communication and smooth running, as well as being a place of support and accountability.

Preaching team: The team met three times together, studying the Bible and praying together. It also focuses on some of the practicalities of worship, as well as being a sounding board for exploring spiritual growth, discipleship, preaching styles and prayer ministry.

Safeguarding: Safeguarding practice is central to the mission and ministry of the church. The safeguarding team work to ensure that everyone, and especially children and vulnerable adults are safe in our churches, and that all those who are survivors of abuse are listened to, valued and supported. Whilst we are set up as a team, we currently do not have an overall Parish Safeguarding Co-ordination Officer

Wood has kindly agreed to take over this role. We have recently recruited additional volunteers to help with setting up and also to help during the sessions. As with all church activities we are entirely reliant on our team of dedicated volunteers to enable us to continue to serve our community and support families. Please pray for Tiny Tots, the volunteers and all who attend, let us be salt and light, in Jesus name.
Brenda Fisher & Pam Wood

Tiny Tots at St Timothy's

Since September Jean Smith and I have led Tiny Tots at St Tim's, with the help of Hazel Merrett, Marie Pottinger, Helen Burzynska Sandra Marshall and Leslie Valat-Desgranges. Stephen Roe pops in regularly to chat to the mums, and we value his input. Marie and Helena supply and serve snacks and Sandra. Hazel and Leslie help on a rota basis. We have had visitors from outside groups, who have been able to signpost parents to available help and support.

We have 16 children on our books, but there is a core of 6 or so regulars that come most weeks. It can be disappointing when only a few come, or mums with babies come once and don't return. It's hard to know how to change to attract others or keep new ones as regulars. Mums with small babies sometimes come for a week or two, then the baby's routine changes and they are no longer able to make it. Some are lost to the local school nursery, as Government funding is available for babies as young as nine months.

In spite of those difficulties, we have got to know the mums and delight in the children, seeing them develop and change almost week by week. They love the craft, organised by Jean, especially if it involves sticking or painting! They play happily with the toys, learning to play together and share, though sometimes we have to referee! When it is time to tidy up ready for songs and stories, they help by throwing everything into the boxes. Singing is entered into more enthusiastically than tunelessly (led by Dianne, enough said)! Story time can be a challenge, a wide age range and limited ability to sit still for longer than a minute, can be a challenge. We soldier on. After snacks and drinks, prepared by Marie, the children love to "help" stack the small chairs and replace the tables.

Our main difficulty is moving all the chairs in the chapel to set up, then replacing them at the end, ready for the Sunday Service. A few men have been approached for help, and we are hoping to set up a rota for them to assist with replacing the chairs at the end.
Dianne Lane & Jean Smith

CELEBRATING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE DORCAN CHURCH

The following pages are reports that have been voluntarily offered from the Church family to mark and celebrate our mission and ministry. These are not all-encompassing of all that we do, yet paint a wonderful picture of some of the ways we have been serving the community and sharing the Good News of Jesus. Well done amazing Church for all that you and all that you are. Thank you!

MINISTRY TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

We have an extensive and strong ministry to children and young people in the parish. Thank you to everyone who supports and prays for this important ministry. Without this mission and ministry, we cannot nurture the next generation of disciples and grow God's church to further his kingdom in this place.

Blaze & Youth Club

We continue to meet on Wednesday evening every 2 weeks. Numbers can vary from week to week. We are very pleased that Caroline has joined the team! Our youngsters come from a variety of backgrounds and with varying needs. This year we have hired some of the equipment from Youth for Christ such as play equipment and the popcorn and candy floss machine which the youngsters particularly enjoyed. At the moment our numbers in the younger age group are quite low so please spread the word!! We would also welcome prayer for our youngsters particularly our oldest ones as they sit their GCSE's this year.

Deb Mulcock

Tiny Tots at St. Paul's

The group continues to average twelve to twenty children plus their caregivers each week. Our register extends to over 35 families. We have celebrated Easter, end of term and Christmas with parties and gifts. During the year we ran themed craft activities and read Bible stories explaining Lent, Easter, stories Jesus told and the nativity journey. Several of the parents now bring their older children to Messy Church, Easter and Christmas activities as well as church social events. The generous donations from parents and grandparents ensures that we can continue to provide this event free of charge and transfer surplus funds to the Dorcan Church.

There are five volunteers and two occasional volunteers, Stephen Roe has continued to be a regular visitor and supporter. Unfortunately, after leading the group for six years Brenda Fisher has had to step down for health reasons. Pam

(PSO) who provides oversight and review. This needs to be addressed with urgency and ECC have therefore agreed to employ someone on a time-limited project basis to review, update and ensure implementation of our processes and procedures. This may develop into a permanent role on reduced hours. **It should be noted that Safeguarding remains the legal responsibility of the ECC.**

Standing Committee: The standing committee is authorised by the ECC. It has the power to transact the business of the ECC between meetings, subject to any direction from ECC. It comprises seven people, with a quorum of five from the Ministers (including Anglican and Methodist incumbents), Churchwarden, Treasurer and two others from ECC. If there is business to transact, it meets between ECC meetings to agree risk assessments, finances, attend to other day-to-day requirements and deal with urgent items that cannot wait until the next ECC. Standing Committee met once in 2024.

2025 and beyond

In the summer of 2023, we began a journey to address three significant challenges we are facing as an SCLEP. These are:

1. The difficulty in facing two different denominations with their associate procedures, strategies and administration, against a backdrop of reduced volunteer time and energy, and increasing legislation;
2. The increasing financial commitment to both denominations, and our rising and considerable subsidies by our parent denominations;
3. The challenges of providing a future Methodist minister given national shortages, and of recruiting an Anglican priest into an SCLEP.

Over the following year we explored these challenges and how we might express ourselves ecumenically which still honours who we are, yet also faces the realities. This was not an easy journey and we are grateful to the church family for engaging in the discussions, which meant we were able to draft a new governing document, called a Local Ecumenical Co-operative Scheme (LECS).

The LECS was drafted, with numerous iterations, following engagement with the church family, discussions at ECC, and with the support and agreement of the various governing bodies of Bristol Diocese and the Methodist Circuit and District. The LECS was signed on Christ the King Sunday, 25th November 2024, in a service where we were joined by the Bishop of Swindon, +Neil Warwick, the Methodist Superintendent, Revd David Gray, and Archdeacon Ven Christopher Bryan.

Whilst the LECS Partnership Agreement expresses a new governance, with the Church of England as the lead partner, this is not an end to our special and long-

lasting Methodist-Anglican relationship, nor it is an end to our ecumenical essence which is so important to our identity here at Dorcan Church. Instead, it is a new legal governing agreement which is fit for purpose, recognises the challenges that we face, and yet at the same time provides considerable flexibility to uphold our Ecumenical identity and worship. We are the first church to have signed such a LECS Partnership Agreement, following changes to Canon Law in 2022.

We are currently in the process of working through the practicalities and the legal aspects of moving to a LECS. This includes the closing of the existing “Dorcan Church Swindon” SCLEP charity with associated Ecumenical Church Council, and bringing back into life the dormant charity called the “Parochial Church Council of the Parish and Benefice of Dorcan Swindon”. This will take some time, including the need to change bank accounts, appoint new trustees and officers, and liaise with the Charity Commission to dissolve the SCLEP. We are expecting this to be completed before the end of this calendar year.

We are very grateful indeed to Nick Orman, from the parish of Wroughton and Wichelstowe, who has kindly agreed to project manage and oversee the transition. Nick has immense experience of both Canon and Charity law and is supporting us to identify and deliver many of the steps we need to effect this change. Nick has already attended two of our ECC meetings, and will be at the annual meeting on 15th May 2025.

Rev Trudie Wigley

ELECTORAL ROLL
Membership & Church Links

2025/26	2024/25	2024/23	2023/22	2022/21	2021/20	2020/19*	2019/18	2018/17	2017/16
111*	144	144	141	139	146	147*	162	161	159

*Full electoral roll revision

Electoral Roll 2025

Every 6 years, Members of our church need to renew their membership. That 6th year has now arrived, and thankfully, many of you have already signed on the dotted line and returned your forms to me. Currently there are **111** people who are officially registered as Members of the Dorcan Church. We do, however have quite a few folk who worship with us on a regular basis, but have not yet committed themselves to filling in a form. If you’re one of those people, or you aren’t quite sure of what’s involved, please speak to one of the Ministers, or myself after the meeting.

One consequence of the changes at Dorcan is that we no longer have automatic representation on the Circuit Meeting, but both the Circuit and the Dorcan Church are happy and willing for someone to be appointed as a non-voting representative, in order to maintain a link. Please speak to either me or Nathalie Marshall if this is a role you feel called to consider. The meeting is four times a year, usually in an evening, and there are always others travelling from Swindon, so transport is available.

Deacon Stephen Roe

END OF CHARITIES COMMISSION REPORT

BRISTOL METHODIST DISTRICT REPORT

During this year, the District said farewell to Revd Dr Jonathan Pye, and welcomed Revd Dr Marcus Torchon as the new District Chair. His first Synod was held at Kingswood School in September, and each Circuit was invited to share a short presentation about one of the missional activities that they are involved with. The North Wiltshire Circuit spoke about some work which is going on with some Afghan refugees, particularly women, in Lyneham, where the Church is providing a safe meeting space and also some practical assistance with items such as raised beds for growing vegetables. The Spring Synod will be hosted by the North Wiltshire Circuit. Marcus is spending time initially visiting the different Circuits around the District, and getting to know people and places, trying to discern the way forward as he leads the District. We wish Jonathan well in his retirement, and offer our prayers for Marcus as he continues to get to grips with his new role.

Deacon Stephen Roe

NORTH WILTSHIRE CIRCUIT REPORT

Alongside the day-to-day aspects of managing the Circuit, there has also been considerable time spent considering the future, particularly in view of the fact that two ministers will be leaving in 2026, and the likelihood that two more will be moving on in 2027, along with changes to the Circuit Churches, such as the change in structure at Dorcan.

The decision was taken to use some of the Circuit reserves to support the Circuit assessment for the next two or three years, meaning that all the churches saw a reduction in the assessment for 2024-25. The Circuit has also established a Development and Growth Fund and Policy, to which churches can apply if they are looking for financial support for new mission and outreach initiatives.

In terms of ministry, the intention is to submit profiles for two ministers to come to the Circuit in 2026, one a deacon to work with the Pilgrim Centre in Swindon and also alongside the presbyter at Bath Road Methodist Church, and one a presbyter in Marlborough and the surrounding villages. It is then expected that the minister leaving Chippenham will not be replaced in 2027, and the Circuit will look for some lay pastoral support for the churches there, to work alongside the remaining minister.

The congregation at Rodbourne Methodist Church reluctantly took the decision to close as they could no longer sustain weekly worship, or fill the roles necessary to be a church. Responsibility for the building passes to the Circuit, and the intention is to spend the next couple of years exploring whether there is potential for it to be used as a Christian-based Community Centre. There are some community groups already using the building, and this will enable that to continue for the time being.

Sadly, during the past 12 months, we've had to say 'farewell' to some precious Christians who have either moved away or passed on to glory... Sheila Evans: Brian Newman: George O'Neill: Colleen Wiseman, and we remember them with love and gratitude for all they meant to us. However God is moving on in His own inimitable way, and we find new people joining us regularly.

Which brings me seamlessly on to the **LINK** system. You may already be aware that when new people have been worshipping with us for a while, we like to team them up with a **LINK** person. The **LINK** person is someone who would perhaps make contact by phone if they hadn't seen that newcomer at church for a couple of weeks. This role is not onerous or intrusive in any way, but needless to say, as we joyfully welcome new people into our church, we really need new volunteers to take on this vital role. Please consider this prayerfully and see if this is something you would be able to offer.

Many of us have experienced changes during the past 12 months, both in our own lives, and certainly in the life of our church, some joyful and others not so. I pray that during the next 12 months of our life together that God will truly bless us as we seek to worship Him in this place. And despite our reluctance for change, God has the final word. "*For I know the plans I have for you...to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*" *Jeremiah 29:11*

Barbara Wilcox
Electoral Roll/Membership Secretary 2025

CHURCHWARDEN REPORT

Last year's report finished with the words, with God's help we will continue to serve each other and Him. With all the changes we have seen this year I think this has been accomplished, and we go forward in the same way.

Both churches have seen some new faces, and sadly we have said goodbye to others. Each church is unique and has its own special qualities. St Tim's offers a beautiful intimacy, whilst St Paul's has energy, and both offer a heartfelt welcome and fellowship.

Our visiting clergy have included amongst others, Bishop Neil, Archdeacon Christopher, and Rev David Gray. Once again both churches were full at the Christingle and carol services. So much goes on before, during and after a service and we are blessed to have lovely volunteers who prepare the communion table, welcome folk, do the power point, clean the churches, flower arranging, provide and serve refreshments, readers and those who lead intercessions. Thank you all, and a big thank you to Maggie Johnson, our administrator who helps in so many aspects of our church life.

December saw a small team at St Pauls providing a wonderful service with the Toy Appeal, helping families struggling with Christmas gifts for their children, sharing Gods love, and putting a smile on faces. May we continue to spread the love in as many ways as we can.

Diane Killick
Church Warden

FABRIC REPORT

St Paul's

Count your blessings, name them one by one, see what God has done.

The roof was in a dreadful state of disrepair and the cost was high and seemed out of our reach, but with the enormous support of the Roofers team, church family, and many of the groups that use the building, the money came in and the roof was repaired in August. We had Swindon Male Voice Choir, The Big Band, Line Dancing, Jive Dancing, Ladies Evening, Afternoon Tea & Plants, Quiz Night, Cream Tea, and more, truly blessed.

The building continues to be busy with various activity groups, from knitting to yoga, home to Cid's, and Dorcan Senior Citizens, Tiny Tots and Youth Group. A big thank you to Maggie Johnson our centre manager for all her hard work, with the bookings and payments. Grateful thanks to all who help with the general upkeep, it really is appreciated.

An unexpected blessing was the gifting of the cost of new flooring in the snug, making it look so much better.

Blessed in abundance

St Tim's

Standing steadfastly in Liden. Home to Messy Church, Cid's 2, Tiny Tots, Knit and Chat, Prayer Group and Swindon Food Collective.

Now with a large noticeboard, and tables, a perfect place for prayer meetings and church council.

Diane Killick
Church Warden

during the year, and we heard updates across the four areas of clergy housing, churches, schools and the Diocesan office at Hillside House. Of note is that £10k grants are available to churches to support their local journey, funded from the use of £2.19m of Diocesan reserves. At Dorcan we have started to engage with energy audits at both St Timothy's and St Paul's and whilst we have not had an easy start in our exploration of cavity wall insulation at St Paul's, there are other ideas and recommendations for us to take forward which were highlighted in the audit reports. We are grateful to the Centre Management Committee for their work, and also to our Eco champion, Neil Marshall, as he steers and encourages us in both our personal and corporate discipleship as we commit to the 5th mark of mission "*to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth*"

Living in Love and Faith: Progress at General Synod has been slower than hoped, and Diocesan Synod has been kept informed on developments and thinking. This remains a polarised debate at General Synod, which is replicated at Diocesan Synod, and in many parishes. Recent work by groups supporting General Synod has focused on the bespoke stand-alone services of Prayers of Love and Faith for same-sex relationships, and particularly the associated pastoral reassurance (including Bishop support) for those who agree, and disagree, with this development. This assurance may include delegated episcopal ministry to another Bishop other than the Diocesan Bishop, effectively providing alternative episcopal oversight, similar to that for those unable to receive the ministry of female clergy and Bishops. Additionally, pastoral and theological advice is being sought and digested regarding clergy who seek to be in same sex marriages. From Spring to September 2025, there will be informal consultations in Diocesan Synods, and with other stakeholders, to ask for feedback on the workability and impact of proposals. In February 2026 it is envisaged that full proposals will be brought to General Synod for discussion, debate and a vote.

Other significant agenda items included: the learning from the inadequate rating on the Deanery School and the subsequent cessation of the *Bristol Diocese Academy Trust*, the erosion of *clergy stipends and pension*, particularly in the past 15 years; the continuing insufficiency of *parish share* to fund clergy and Diocesan Support Service costs; review of *risk registers*, and progress with the Diocesan commitment to *Racial Justice*.

Synod is a place where the voice of parishes can be heard, and the national Church of England informed and challenged. Whilst there is invariably some tedious business to be transacted, it has become increasingly participative, engaging and diverse and if you would like to be a part of shaping the future of the Church of England, please do consider standing, or come along and see what happens (guests are always welcome). Do have a chat with Nathalie Marshall or Trudie Wigley.

Rev Trudie Wigley

three years, and a new Diocesan Synod was elected from 1st September 2024, including Nathalie Marshall as a Lay Member, and Rev Trudie Wigley as the Co-chair of the Synod. One third of those elected were new this year, reflecting considerable effort to diversify and reflect different parishes and voices across the Diocese. Over the year Synod hears and discusses a wide range of topics, and in the four meetings in 2024, these were some of the substantive areas of focus:

Safeguarding Audit: All Dioceses and Cathedrals will be independently audited over the next 4-5 years by the INEQE Safeguarding Group. Bristol Diocese volunteered to be one of the first to be audited under the new system and was commended for its safeguarding culture and leadership. It was noted that the Diocesan Safeguarding Team was one of the Diocese's greatest assets and is a highly experienced and dedicated team. Whilst challenges remain in how survivors have been supported in the past, the audit was content that there was no cover up or disregard in this Diocese. There are a number of recommendations to work through, yet these come with the encouragement and affirmation by INEQE of our processes and procedures.

During 2024 there were a number of high profile safeguarding cases in the media, which continued into 2025. In November 2024, Synod took time to reflect following the news of the abhorrent abuse of boys by the late John Smyth. The news broke on Channel 4 in the week leading up to Synod, and we laid aside the agenda to express our feelings, thoughts and concerns and to gather comments for National Church and senior leaders. There was time for prayers of sorrow and lament for the victims and survivors, and the failings of the Church of England.

Transforming church. Together (TC.T): This is the strategy for the next season in the life of the Diocese and has twelve priorities which look to support parishes and the Diocese in their mission and ministry. We have secured funding of £6.8m, from the National Church and the programme is regularly reported on at Synod, together with good news stories to encourage and inspire. Many of the projects within TC.T are new, and our experiences and learning are being fed back to National Church so that other Dioceses can benefit from our insights. We heard presentations from the Priority Community Network, children and young people work stream and the growing faith chaplains initiative. TC.T is a significant programme and more details can be found at <https://www.bristol.anglican.org/visionandpriorities/transforming-church/>.

Here at Dorcan our short term priorities are to recruit a Parish Safeguarding Co-ordination Officer and complete all that we need to do to with our change of governance, however after this there will be capacity to start considering how we might engage with the strategy in our unique context.

Carbon Net Zero (CNZ): Both General and Diocesan Synod have declared a climate emergency and committed to CNZ by 2030. This was a considerable focus

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Safeguarding practice is central to the mission and ministry of the church. The safeguarding team work to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are safe in our churches, and that all those who are survivors of abuse are listened to, valued and supported. Safeguarding remains the legal responsibility of the ECC. The team met during the year.

There are 50 volunteers working at various jobs within the Dorcan Church. Each one has been safely recruited and most have completed safeguarding training at the required level. There are one or two still needing to finish their training, but this is in hand. Not only does each one complete training initially, but they have to refresh their training every three years. This is a huge commitment on top of the service they are giving. So, thank you everyone for being prepared to set time aside for this important work.

As far as we are aware all those who need DBS clearance for their role have done so. Thank you again for responding and keeping up to date with this, especially as the requirement is every three years now. The organisation we use, Thirtyone:Eight, now informs the verifier three months before a DBS is due. This will prove helpful to keep everyone up to date.

Dianne Lane and Sue Morgans

We are very grateful to Dianne Lane and Sue Morgans for all they do on safeguarding, with their particular focus on safer recruitment, training and DBS checks. Thank you!

As a team, we have been extremely concerned that there has been no overall Safeguarding Co-ordination Officer (PSO) for the last couple of years to provide oversight, policy review, and a link into the Diocesan Safeguarding team. However, we are delighted (and relieved) to share that ECC gave agreement to advertise for a temporary paid position to help get our policies and procedures updated, and our new PSO will be starting in the late Spring. Additionally, we are grateful to Sandra Marshall who will be joining the team with a focus on safer recruiting. We have a strong and amazing safeguarding team and thank you to you all.

Rev Trudie Wigley

CHARITY TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Dorcan Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between The Church of England and The Methodist Church, serving the Swindon urban villages of Covingham, Nythe, Liden and Eldene. The partnership includes the congregations worshipping at St Paul's, Covingham and St Timothy's, Liden. The Church continues to work to build the kingdom of God throughout the parish, both as a worshipping community and also as a serving community.

In 2024 we continued to serve our local community in various ways; using our buildings to reach out to our community with the love of God. Cids and Cids2 (coffee mornings, one in each centre for our local communities) continued to go from strength to strength, we have enjoyed working with our young people through Messy Church in St Tim's, and Youth Club and Tiny Tots in both centres. Our buildings are frequently used by local community groups such as the pre-school, Blood Donation Service, Dance School, Senior Citizens and so many others and we have irregular hirings for parties and social events. Underpinning all of this is our relationship with the local community, so we were thrilled when the community came together to help us raise the not inconsiderable sum required to fix the hole in the roof, running numerous fundraising events, and attending those run by the church. We have danced to the big band, exhibited paintings by a local artist, bought and sold plants, jewellery, cream teas and much more besides, and we now have a roof that doesn't leak. And over and above the finances, we have strengthened our links with our neighbours.

We have continued to work in and with our local schools by invitation, both visiting for assemblies and providing Christmas and Easter themed teaching in our church centres for the schools to bring the children to. We are so grateful for this opportunity.

We have continued to work together to try and reduce the ecological impact of our church on our environment by continuing the eco-friendly planting in our garden areas, improving our food waste disposal practices, and continuing our regular eco tips in the notices. Our buildings are not the easiest to work with to improve in this area, but we hope and pray that 2025 will be the year of the bronze Eco church award.

2024 was also the year we signed the LECS – simplifying our governance whilst still recognising the importance of our ecumenical identity, heritage, worship and traditions. The challenge for 2025 will be to implement the changes that this

DEANERY SYNOD 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Deanery Synod met 4 times during the year, with the Deanery Leadership team (DLT) meeting between synods to plan the agenda. Having launched our Deanery Vision in November 2023 we focused our synods in 2024 around our key priorities and on learning from one another, to give all synod members (and other interested people who are always welcome to attend) a chance to reflect on and be inspired by the areas the working groups will be focusing on in more detail. In February we met at St John's Parks and Walcot to focus on education and how churches are already engaging in our schools. We heard about the Open the Book Team from the West of Swindon, the Year 5 RE enrichment pilgrimage in North Swindon and the Secondary school chaplaincy run in various schools by Simon Halls, Owen Green and Jamie Reeves. We also had the joy of hearing the powerful testimony of a young person herself.

In May, at St Mark's New Town, we looked wider than just the Deanery as Archdeacon Christopher Bryan joined us to help us see how the Diocesan strategy, Transforming Church. Together, can help us at both parish and deanery level.

In July, we had our annual barbeque at All Saints Southbrook Street and, prompted by a question at the May synod, we took the time to hear from one another about the priorities of different benefices and how these connect with the Deanery Plan.

The final meeting of the year was at St Peter's Penhill in October and we picked up on the discipleship strand, hearing from, and questioning Stephanie Hayton, the Advisor for Lay Ministry, on how the diocese is encouraging every member ministry.

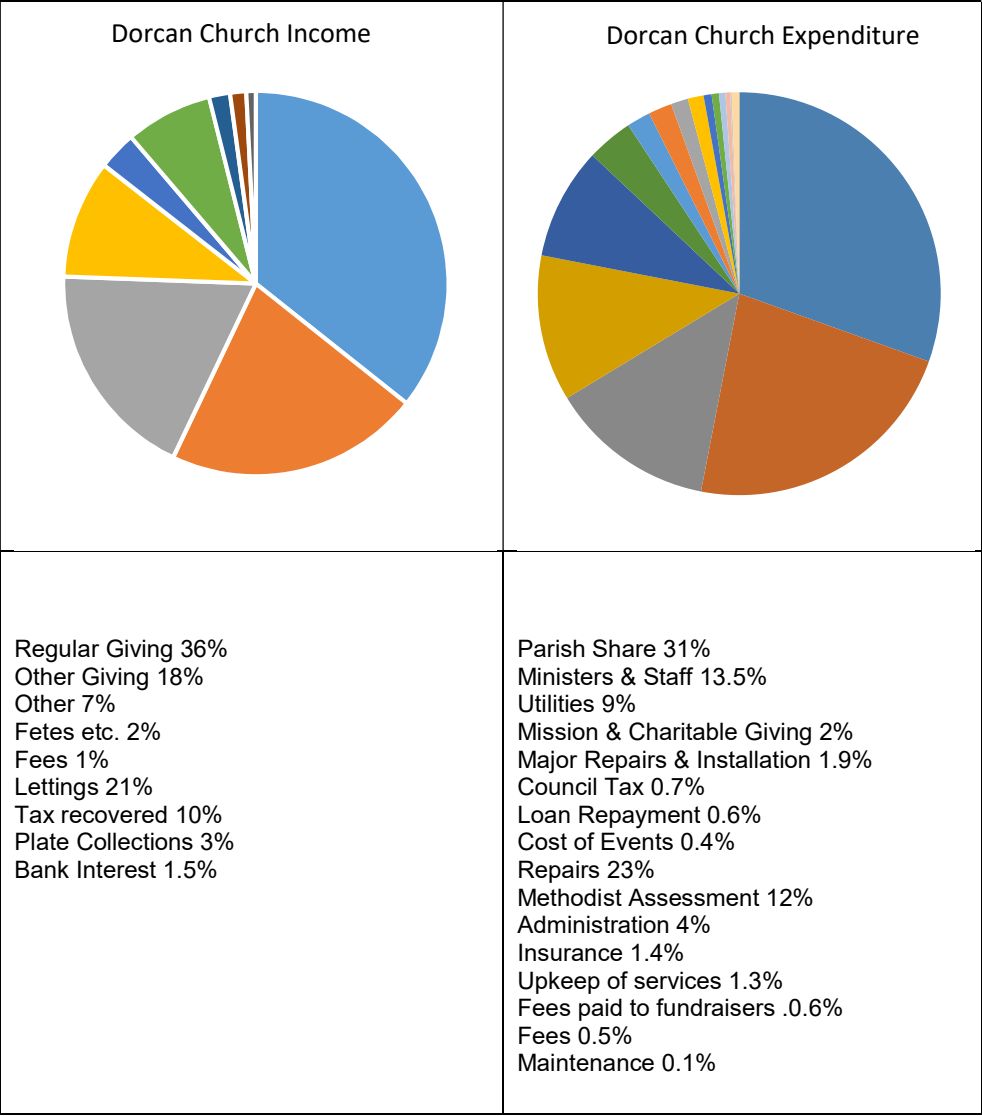
At every meeting we heard updates on local and diocesan priorities, including Racial Justice, eco church and the cost of living crisis, as well as worshipping in a variety of styles and enjoying the hospitality of the host church.

We encourage anyone with an interest in the wider deanery and the topic under discussion to come to our meetings. The dates for 2025 are 27th February, 15th May, 16th July and 14th October. Please speak to me if you would like to know more.

Jenny Poole
Deanery Synod Representative

DIOCESAN SYNOD 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Diocesan Synod is the elected representative body drawn from across the Diocese of Bristol. Its purpose is to consider and express an opinion on matters affecting the Diocese, to advise the Bishop on matters she seeks thought on, and to approve the expenditure in the annual Diocesan budget. Those elected serve for



necessitates behind the scenes, with the finance committee having to work particularly hard for which we are grateful.

As we move in to 2025, we recognise that we now need to forge a new identity as a church, looking forwards, knowing that we have a solid foundation on which we can lean. Who knows what 2025 will bring. What we do know is that we don't face any of it alone, but firmly in the love of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Nathalie Marshall
Chair of Trustees

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2024

Summary.
Although the 2024 budget predicted a loss of £12,169, we actually ended the year with a surplus of £11,660. This occurred despite the need to spend in excess of £30k on repairing the St Paul's Chapel Roof. So, once again, we have much to praise God for regarding our finances.
But where has this extra money come from and how is it intended to be used?

Fundraising
Firstly, we would acknowledge the intensive fundraising effort and many generous donations that were made towards the St Paul's roof repair. People both from within and outside our congregations were involved in this, and we give our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed. The good news, though, is that the fund-raising initiative that started with the roof is still continuing! Almost £2k of the money that we're carrying over into 2025 comes essentially from this. (You will find it recorded as 'St Paul's Fabric Fund' in the 2024 accounts.)

Grants
We received a significant amount in grants in 2024 and these form a substantive portion of the 'Other' income amount in the accompanying table. £4,087 was received towards the repair of St Paul's chapel roof. £7,000 was received from The Diocese of Bristol in connection with our transition from a Local Ecumenical Partnership to a Local Ecumenical Cooperative Scheme. £6,036 of this is being carried forward into 2025, so this comprises a significant portion of the £11,660 end of year surplus. We anticipate spending much of this remaining money on employing a specialist person to bring our safeguarding documentation and procedures up to date. (We can use the grant for this, since this frees up our existing staff and volunteers to work on tasks more directly related to the implementation of the new ecumenical status).

Giving

Regular giving remains foundational to the life and ministry of this church. This went up in line with our budget expectations from £62,419 in 2023 to £64,349 in 2024. We thank everyone who contributed to this total, but also urge others who may be able to give by direct debit, standing order or through our envelope scheme to contact Tony Prichard (Treasurer) or Pete Mulcock (Finance Committee Chair) for more information.

Denominational Contributions

In anticipation of our ecumenical status change, our Methodist Assessment was reduced by £10,004 to £14,636pa from 01/08/2024. However, it has been decided to use this saving to fund an equivalent increase in Anglican Parish Share for 2025, given that for a number of years this had remained static and well below the amount that we were being asked to contribute. This will bring our Parish Share up to £61,020 for 2025, which is close to, but still slightly short, of the amount requested/expected of us.

Other Points of Note from 2024

- Rental income (Lettings) exceeded our budgeted amount by over £4k.
- A successful Gift Day appeal raised £2,600. Thank you!
- Our day to day expenditure has largely been within budget.
- Though the cost of gas supply is challenging, we have ended the year largely within our expected budget
- in June 2024 we made the final repayment on the loans we received in 2020 to replace the St Paul's Boiler.

Money Carried Forward into 2025

In addition to items mentioned above, significant allocations of money being carried forward into 2025 include:

- £35,713 of general reserves which we are required to retain.
- £10,552 for general day to day expenditure
- £10,000 designated for AV improvements (Carl Gase Legacy).
- £5,528 Remaining money from Viv Craig's Legacy. This is restricted in the way it can be spent, but it may potentially be able to be used in funding future development projects, especially at St Timothy's.
- £4,767 designated for Centre Maintenance (typically large-scale projects). E.g. a number of items at St. Timothy's (including the boiler) will require addressing at some point and St. Paul's electrical installation is in need of updating. The maintenance of our buildings remains challenging!

The overall total being carried forward is £78,322, which sounds a lot, but nearly all of this money is allocated for one purpose or another. Full details of amounts are in the Assets and Liabilities Section of the 2024 Accounts.

Please do ask if you have further questions about the Church Finances. Tony Prichard, Pete Mulcock and other members of our Finance Committee are all available to help.

Tony Prichard & Pete Mulcock Finance Committee

Income			Expenditure		
Regular Giving	64,349	36%	Parish Share	51,000	31%
Lettings	38,103	21%	Repairs	37,768	23%
Other Giving	33,018	18%	Ministers & Staff	22,201	14%
Tax recovered	17,747	10%	Methodist Assessment	19,638	12%
Plate Collections	5,772	3%	Utilities	14,999	9%
Other	13,021	7%	Administration	6,211	4%
Fetes etc.	3,134	2%	Mission & Charitable Giving	3,180	2%
Bank Interest	2,454	1.5%	Major repairs & Installation SP	3,160	1.9%
Fees	1,408	1%	Insurance	2,329	1.4%
			Upkeep of services	2,104	1.3%
			Council Tax	1,069	0.7%
			Fees paid to fund raisers	964	0.6%
			Loan Repayment	1,000	0.6%
			Fees	870	0.5%
			Cost of Events	630	0.4%
			Maintenance	218	0.1%
	179,006			167,341	



2024

The Dorcan Church

2024 Accounts



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

The **Methodist** Church 

Tony Prichard
Treasurer
December 2024

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Accounting policies

Going concern accounting policy

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. The cost of living crisis has had a small effect on finances with our income returning normal levels. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £33,500, designated reserves that can be drawn down if necessary and a zero cash balance. The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102 SORP 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the ECC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The Receipts and Payments method has been used to present the accounts.

Related Parties Transactions.

- Trustees' remuneration and benefits. During the year no trustee received any remuneration or benefit.
- Trustees' expenses. During the year trustees received expenses directly attributed to their agreed working expenses including but not restricted to: Telephone, travel, purchase of materials wholly and necessary to the running of the charity.

Fund accounting

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the ECC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is either to be used as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted Funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific ECC activity intended by the donor.

Unrestricted Funds are income funds, which are to be spent on the ECC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the ECC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the ECC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the ECC will move any surplus to other general funds.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the ECC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the ECC. The Diocesan parish share and the Methodist quota are expected to be paid over and is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Reserves

Approximately three months operating costs above our normal turnover are held in the general account as a reserve. At the moment this amounts to £33,500.

Fixed assets

Consecrated, benefice and circuit property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s10 (2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the ministers and churchwardens/stewards on special trust for the ECC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis of 20% over five years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

There are no investments to be valued at 31 December.

Funds**General Fund**

The General Fund represents the amounts available to the ECC to meet its ongoing obligations, based on the assumption that restricted funds are not available for general use. The ECC aims to hold several months' operating costs in general funds. At 31st December 2024 the balance represents around three months' costs.

Mission Fund

To be distributed at the discretion of the ECC

Holiday Club Fund

For the provision of a children's Holiday Club.

Parish Weekend Fund

To assist those of limited means to attend Parish Weekends.

Centre Maintenance Fund.

A fund derived from the transfer from the General Fund as agreed by the Church Council for the maintenance of the two centres

St. Paul's Fabric Fund (Designated)

The Balance of the Dorcan Church share of the proceeds from the sale of the vicarage. To be used for major repairs at the discretion of the ECC.

St. Paul's Fabric Fund (restricted)

Fund established to accept donations for Roof Repairs to St. Paul's. Surplus used for other repairs to both St. Paul's and St. Timothy's transferred to the designated fund

Tiny Tot's (St. Paul's)

Funds held for St. Paul's Tiny Tots to be used at their direction

Tiny Tot's (St. Tim's)

Funds held for St. Tim's Tiny Tots to be used at their direction

Tea and Toast

Funds held for the Tea and Toast group at St. Timothy's. This has been expanded to become Cid's café Too.

Card Class

Funds raised by the Card Class to be used at their direction. The Card Class has closed and requested their funds be transferred to the Fabric Fund (Restricted)

Monday House Group (Formerly Monday Cell Group)

Funds held on behalf of the Monday House Group to be used at their discretion.

Uganda Link

Used to finance activities connected with the Diocesan Uganda Link.

Youth Club

Funds held for the church Youth Club to be used at their discretion

Carl Gase Legacy Fund

Fund from the estate of the late Carl Gase.

Viv Craig Legacy

Fund from the estate of the late Viv Craig

Agency Collections

Funds collected on behalf of another charity or organisation, which do not form part of the income of the Dorcan Church.

Various collections are held on behalf of other organisations and these are paid over as soon as practical.

Comment

The income and expenditure totals for the year are inflated due to the special roof appeal and subsequent roof repair at St. Paul's

2024 has been a year of intensive fund raising with rental income exceeding our budgeted amount. Our congregation continues with their offering equalling our budget expectations. Our day to day expenditure has largely been within budget. A successful Gift Day appeal raised £2,600. Despite the challenges of increased cost of gas supply we have ended the year largely within our expected budget.

Building on previous year's financial work we have been able to continue working to a budget. This has made the work of the Finance Committee a lot easier as we are able to monitor progress throughout the year.

Gift aid continues to be claimed quarterly which maintains our cash flow such that both our Parish Share and Methodist Assessment have been paid as they became due. We continue with the Parish Giving Scheme whereby members can donate by direct debit. Donations and Tax recoverable from Gift Aid are received monthly reducing the work of the Treasurer and improving further our cash flow.

Grant aid totalling £4,087 has been received towards the repair of St. Paul's roof.

A grant of £7,000 was received from The Diocese of Bristol towards the planned Ecumenical Transition from a Local Ecumenical Partnership to a Local Ecumenical Cooperative Scheme. £6,036 of this grant is being carried forward into 2025.

Church Fabric

In order to facilitate the work of the Church it is important that we maintain the fabric of both St. Timothy's and St. Paul's Church and Community Centre. Both are important to our work while bringing financial challenges.

This year at St. Paul's a special fund raising effort raised over £30,000 to repair the roof. The Snug carpet has been replaced with Vinyl Flooring

The Future

In 2025 there remain a number of challenges in the maintenance of our buildings. A number of items at St. Timothy's will require addressing although lettings there have virtually dried up. St. Paul's electrical installation is in need of updating. It is vital that we do not lose sight of the ongoing day-to-day financial needs of our Church. If our general income drops our outreach and mission, or that of our parent denominations, will consequently suffer. Maintaining or, if possible, increasing our regular giving through direct debit, standing order or envelope scheme remains key in this regard.

We anticipate a significant spend of around £6,000 on the employment of a specialist person to bring our safeguarding documentation and procedures up to date.

Statement of Financial Activities

Income and Endowments from:	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	91,792	12,044	29,044	132,880	93,990
Income from charitable activities	1,851	-	393	2,244	3,131
Other trading activities	37,754	86	2,958	40,798	35,141
Investments	2,454	-	-	2,454	1,409
Other income	630	-	-	630	1,929
Total income	134,481	12,130	32,395	179,006	135,600
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	64	964	-	1,028	96
Expenditure on charitable activities	129,732	3,160	32,426	165,318	133,626
Other Expenditure (Loan Repayments)	1,000	-	-	1,000	3,250
Total expenditure	130,796	4,124	32,426	167,346	136,972
Transfers					
Gross Transfers Between Funds - In	200	2,000	355	2,555	907
Gross Transfers Between Funds - Out	(2,050)	-	(505)	(2,555)	(907)
	(1,850)	2,000	(150)	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	1,835	10,006	(181)	11,660	(1,372)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds Brought Forward	44,431	13,267	8,964	66,662	68,034
Net Movement in Funds	1,835	10,006	(181)	11,660	(1,372)
Total Funds Carried Forward	46,266	23,273	8,783	78,322	66,662

Receipts and Payments Account

Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from Donations and Legacies					
Gift Aid - Bank - SO St.Paul's	44,413	-	3,574	47,987	42,837
Gift Aid - Bank - SO St.Tim's	7,502	-	-	7,502	5,638
Gift Aid - Envelopes - St. Paul's	4,515	-	20	4,535	1,952
Gift Aid - Envelopes - St. Tim's	3,258	-	-	3,258	1,591
Other planned giving - St. Paul's	8,491	-	200	8,691	9,847
Other planned giving - St. Tim's	1,053	-	13	1,066	553
Plate collections - St. Paul's	3,115	-	1,180	4,295	2,422
Plate collections - St. Timothy's	880	-	597	1,477	790
Regular gift days	1,117	-	1,501	2,618	9,300
One-off Gift Aid gifts	20	-	-	20	-
Donations appeals etc	981	5,020	15,688	21,689	2,362
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	15,563	-	2,184	17,747	15,564
Non-recurring one-off grants	500	7,000	4,087	11,587	1,112
Other funds generated	384	24	-	408	22
	91,792	12,044	29,044	132,880	93,990
Income from Charitable Activities					
Youth Club			393	393	243
Fees for weddings, funerals etc.	1,408	-	-	1,408	2,528
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	2	-	-	2	57
Church hall lettings-objectives - St.T	441	-	-	441	303
	1,851	-	393	2,244	3,131
Other Trading Activities					
Fetes, Bazaars and Rummage sales etc	91	86	2,958	3,135	2,098
Bookstall Sales - Fund raising	1	-	-	1	80
Church hall lettings-fund raising - St.P	37,662	-	-	37,662	32,963
	37,754	86	2,958	40,798	35,141
Investments					
Bank and building society interest	2,454	-	-	2,454	1,409
	2,454	-	-	2,454	1,409
Other Income					
Income for events	630	-	-	630	1,929
	630	-	-	630	1,929
Total Income	134,481	12,130	32,395	179,006	135,600

Receipts and Payments Account

Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on Stewardship and Fund Raising					
Fees paid to fund raisers	-	964	-	964	-
Costs of stewardship campaign	64	-	-	64	58
Costs of fetes & other events	-	-	-	-	38
	64	964	-	1,028	96

Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Event Expenses	630	-	-	630	1,891
Mission & Evangelism	1,744	-	920	2,664	2,399
Nominated Charities	425	-	-	425	345
Secular Charities	-	-	-	-	118
Fees due to Diocesan Board of Finance	870	-	-	870	1,370
Ministry parish share etc	51,000	-	-	51,000	51,000
Methodist Assessment	19,638	-	-	19,638	24,640
Assistant staff costs	15	-	-	15	396
Staff wages	21,788	-	-	21,788	19,990
Working expenses of ministers	380	-	-	380	548
Council tax	1,069	-	-	1,069	1,029
Water rates - St. Paul's	1,127	-	-	1,127	983
Vicar's telephone	160	-	-	160	151
Training	19	-	-	19	-
Church running - insurance - St.P	1,792	-	-	1,792	1,652
Church Running - Insurance - St.T	537	-	-	537	517
Church office - telephone	719	-	-	719	503
Organ / piano tuning	186	-	-	186	180
Upkeep of services-Adult	1,661	-	-	1,661	1,876
Upkeep of services - Children & Youth	-	-	-	-	53
Messy Church	29	-	-	29	287
Youth Club	-	-	414	414	108
Upkeep of churchyard	32	-	-	32	768
Administration	6,147	-	-	6,147	2,210
Church Family - Acts of Kindness	93	-	-	93	15
Church running - Electric - ST.P	389	-	-	389	363
Church running - Electricity - ST.T	607	-	-	607	493
Church running - gas - ST.P	1,196	-	-	1,196	603
Church running - gas ST.T	2,028	-	-	2,028	2,250
Hall running - electric - St.Pauls	2,204	-	-	2,204	2,334
Hall running - gas - St.P	6,570	-	-	6,570	3,415
Hall running - maintenance - ST.P	5,170	-	-	5,170	4,963
Hall running - Maintenance - ST.T	552	-	283	835	1,601
Hall running - telephone	161	-	-	161	209
Governance costs - Examination/Audit fee	794	-	-	794	616
Church Interior + Exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	782
Hall + major repairs - installation SP	-	3,160	-	3,160	2,968
Church Major RepairsStructure	-	-	30,810	30,810	-
	129,732	3,160	32,427	165,319	133,626

Other Expenditure

Loan repayments	1,000	-	-	1,000	3,250
	1,000	-	-	1,000	3,250
Total Expenditure	130,796	4,124	32,427	167,347	136,972
Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure	3,685	8,006	(32)	11,659	(1,372)

Centre Accounts

St. Paul's Centre

	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Church Hall - Fund raising - St. Paul's	37,662	32,963
	37,662	32,963
Expenditure		
Staff Wages (80%) Manager & Cleaning	11,528	10,492
Council Tax	1,176	1,029
Water Rates - St. Paul's	1,127	983
Hall Running - electric - St. Paul's	2,204	2,334
Hall Running - gas - St. Paul's	6,570	3,425
Hall Running - maintenance - St. Paul's	5,170	4,963
Hall Running - telephone	161	208
Administration (80%)	944	1,768
	28,880	25,202
Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure	8,782	7,761

St. Tim's

Income		
Church hall lettings- objectives - St. Tim's	441	303
	441	303
Expenditure		
Staff Wages (20%) Manager & Cleaning	2,882	2,623
Church running - Electricity - St. Tim's	607	493
Church running - Gas - St. Tim's	2,028	2,250
Hall running - maintenance - St. Tim's	835	1,601
Administration Charge (20%)	1,225	442
	7,577	7,409
Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure	(7,136)	(7,106)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank and In Hand					
Bank Current Account - Co-operative Bank					
General Fund	10,553	-		10,553	11,454
Tiny Tots - St.Paul's	-	-	371	371	256
Tiny Tots - St. Tim's	-	-	462	462	299
Youth Club	-	-	573	573	962
Uganda Link	-	-	-	-	142
Mission Fund	-	-	-	-	500
Centre Maintenance	-	4,767	-	4,767	2,767
St. Paul's Fabric Fund	-	1,970	-	1,970	-
Carl Gase Legacy Fund	-	-	-	-	10,000
Viv Craig Legacy Fund	-	-	-	-	5,810
Card Class	-	-	-	-	105
Monday House Group	-	-	212	212	183
Holiday Club	-	-	-	-	536
Parish Weekend	-	-	-	-	499
Tea & Toast (Cid's Café 2)	-	-	460	460	172
Archdeacons Grant	-	6,036		6,036	-
	10,553	12,773	2,078	25,404	33,685
Bank Deposit Account - Methodist CFB					
General fund	35,713	-	-	35,713	32,977
Mission Fund	-	500	-	500	-
Carl Gase Legacy Fund	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Uganda Link	-	-	142	142	-
Viv Craig Legacy	-	-	5,528	5,528	-
Holiday Club	-	-	535	535	-
Parish weekend	-	-	500	500	-
	35,713	10,500	6,705	52,918	32,977
Total Cash at Bank and In Hand	46,266	23,273	8,783	78,322	66,662
Fixed Assets					
Ricoh Photocopier	3,360	-	-	3,360	-
	3,360	-	-	3,360	-
Debtors (Footnotes)					
Accounts Receivable					
General Fund	2,736	-	-	2,736	2,202
	2,736	-	-	2,736	2,202
Creditors (Footnotes)					
Accounts payable					
General Fund	2,941	-	-	2,941	5,767
	2,941	-	-	2,941	5,767

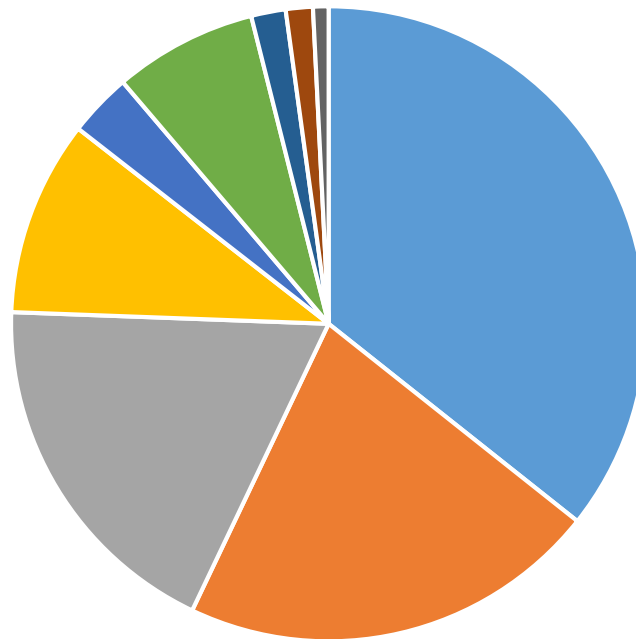
Funds income and expenditure

	Restricted/ Designated	Opening Balance 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing Balance 2024 £
Tiny Tots - St.Paul's	R	256	710	(395)	(200)	371
Tiny Tots - St. Tim's	R	299	307	(144)		462
Youth Club	R	962	541	(730)	(200)	573
Uganda Link	R	142	-	-	-	142
Mission Fund	D	500	-	-	-	500
Centre Maintenance	D	2,767	-	-	2,000	4,767
St. Paul's Fabric Fund Restricted	R	-	30,455	(30,810)	355	-
St. Paul's Fabric Fund Designated	D	-	5,130	(3,160)	-	1,970
Carl Gase Legacy Fund	D	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Viv Craig Legacy Fund	R	5,810	-	(282)	-	5,528
Card Class	R	105	-	-	(105)	-
Monday House Group	R	183	94	(65)	-	212
Holiday Club	R	535	-	-	-	535
Parish Weekend	R	500	-	-	-	500
Tea & Toast (Cid's Café 2)	R	172	288	-	-	460
Archdeacon's Grant	D	-	7,000	(964)	-	6,036
		22,232	44,525	(36,550)	1,850	32,056

Foot Notes

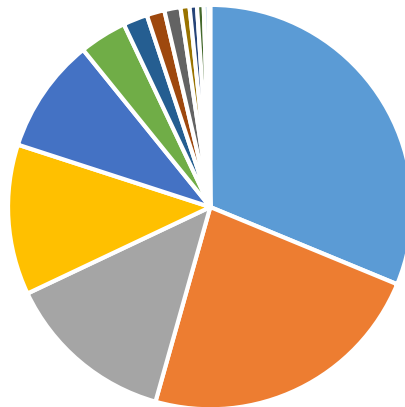
	2024	2023
	£	£
Debtors		
Hall rents - December	-	246
HMRC - Gift Aid Tax recovered Q4	2,009	1,956
HMRC - Gift Aid Tax recovered Crowdfunder Q4	163	-
BusinessPaye - Payroll support	564	-
	<u>2,736</u>	<u>2,202</u>
Creditors		
Diocese of Bristol Loan	-	1,000
Hills Waste	74	99
Daisy Communications - Dec. Mobile phones	24	26
Daisy Communications - Dec. Broadband	57	152
Children's Society	235	200
Action for Children – Formerly NCH	235	200
British Gas – Electricity (St. Paul's)	-	308
British Gas – Gas (St. Paul's)	1,013	1,798
British Gas - Gas (St. Tim's)	-	308
British Gas - Electricity (St. Tim's)	-	64
B Fisher Tiny Tots Expenses	-	130
Advance Hall Bookings	1,302	1,236
Rev. T. Wigley Expenses	-	246
	<u>2,941</u>	<u>5,767</u>

Dorcan Church Income



■ Regular Giving 40% ■ Lettings 34% ■ Other giving 5%
 ■ Tax recovered 11% ■ Plate collections 3% ■ Other 0.7%
 ■ Fetes etc. 5% ■ Bank Interest 0.6% ■ Fees 2%

Dorcan Church Expenditure



■ Parish Share 31% ■ Repairs 23%
 ■ Minister's and Staff 13.5% ■ Methodist Assessment 12%
 ■ Utilities 9% ■ Administration 4%
 ■ Mission and Charitable Giving 2% ■ Insurance 1.4%
 ■ Upkeep of services 1.3% ■ Council Tax 0.7%
 ■ Stewardship Campaign 0.6% ■ Fees 0.5%
 ■ Cost of events 0.4% ■ Maintenance 0.1%

2024 accounts

Approved at a meeting of the Dorcan Church Ecumenical Church Council

N Marshall

3/27/2025

Chair Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council

Date

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES/MEMBERS OF
DORCAN ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council (the ECC) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the ECC 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 ECC'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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect :

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act ; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

P Crowley

3/31/2025

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Date

DORCAN ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

- 1) The financial statements of Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council (the ECC) have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES/MEMBERS OF
DORCAN ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council (the ECC) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the ECC 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 ECC'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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect :

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act ; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

P Crowley

31/03/2025

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Date

DORCAN ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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DORCAN CHURCH SWINDON

England & Wales - Charity number 1143702

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Financial Report for 2023

Summary.

When we entered 2023, we had £11,325 in our General Fund (this is the fund that covers the vast majority of ongoing running costs of the church and the centres) and a budget that predicted a deficit of almost £11,000 for the coming year. The financial outlook was bleak. It appeared that by the end of the year there would be little or no money left to fund the ongoing operation of The Dorcan Church.

So, come the end of 2023, what position did we actually find ourselves in? Essentially, in a much better place than anticipated at the start of the year. Rather than having little or no money left, there was £11,454 in the General Fund and our financial position was broadly similar to that at the end of 2022, so we have very much to thank God for.

So what changed?

Up until midway through the year it appeared that we were heading towards the deficit/position that had been predicted. But then, following financial appeals at our annual meeting in May and for our gift day in July, you, our congregation, responded magnificently and very generously. £9,300 was raised through gift day donations (rather than the rather cautious £2000 predicted by your Finance Committee!) and this amount, together with the additional gift aid it generated, was by far the most significant factor in our deficit for the year being just £1,374 rather than the predicted £10,923.

So, as always, we are extremely grateful to all of you who have contributed, either by giving directly or by fund-raising on behalf of The Dorcan Church.

Other Significant Points to Note.

Income.

- The regular, ongoing congregational offering was in line with our budget expectations.

- Rental income (£33266) was approximately equal to our budgeted amount.
- A small amount of Grant aid has been received towards the provision of “Warm Space” at St. Paul’s and St. Timothy’s

Expenditure.

- Overall, expenditure was largely within budget, despite the significant increase in St Paul’s gas prices that we experienced from mid-June onwards.

- Denominational Contributions: Regrettably we were unable to meet the amounts expected by either of our parent denominations.

Anglican Parish Share. Expected amount: £53997. Our actual contribution: £51000 (the same level as for 2020, 2021 & 2022).

Methodist Assessment: For 2023-24, expected amount: £26587. £1947 relief granted by the Circuit, meaning that we continued to pay £24640, the same as for 2022-23.

- St Paul’s Boiler Replacement (2020) Loans

Methodist loan: Repayments completed July 2023

Anglican loan: £1000 outstanding at 31.12.2023, repayments due to complete June 2024.

Financial Management

Building on previous years’ financial experience we have been able to continue working to a budget. This makes the work of the Finance Committee a lot easier since we are able to monitor progress throughout the year.

Gift aid continues to be claimed quarterly which maintains our cash flow such that both our Parish Share and Methodist Assessment have been able to be paid when they were due. We continue with the Parish Giving Scheme whereby members can donate by direct debit. Donations and Tax recoverable from Gift Aid are received monthly from this scheme, reducing the work of the Treasurer and further improving our cash flow.

Church Fabric

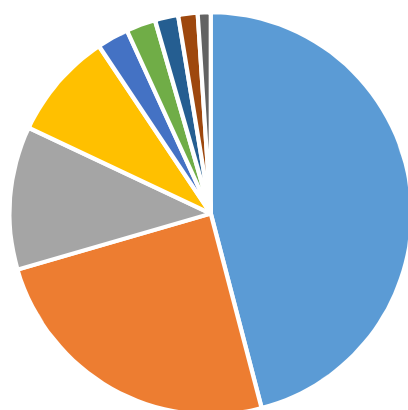
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The Future

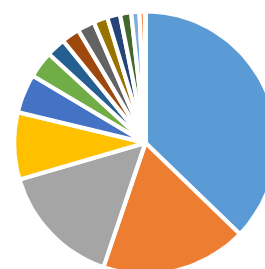
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Dorcan Church Income



- Regular Giving 46%
- Lettings 25%
- Tax recovered 12%
- Other giving 9%
- Other 3%
- Plate collections 2%
- Fees 2%
- Fetes etc. 2%
- Bank Interest 1%

Dorcan Church Expenditure



- Parish Share 37%
- Methodist Assessment 18%
- Ministers and Staff 15%
- Utilities 8%
- Maintenance 5%
- Repairs 3%
- Loan Repayments 2%
- Mission and Charitable Giving 2%
- Administration 2%
- Upkeep of services 2%
- Insurance 2%
- Cost of events 1%
- Fees 1%
- Council Tax 1%

Income			Expenditure		
Regular Giving	46%	62,419	Parish Share	37%	51,000
Lettings	25%	33,267	Methodist Assessment	18%	24,640
Other giving	11%	11,662	Ministers & Staff	15%	20,934
Tax recovered	12%	15,564	Utilities	8%	11,305
Other	2%	3,423	Maintenance	5%	6,564
Plate collections	2%	3,212	Repairs	3%	4,519
Fees	2%	2,528	Loan Repayments	2%	3,250
Fetes etc.	2%	2,098	Mission and Charitable Giving	2%	3,023
Bank Interest	1%	1,409	Administration	2%	2,885
			Upkeep of Services	2%	2,396
			Insurance	2%	2,169
			Cost of events	1%	1,891
			Fees	1%	1,370
			Council Tax	1%	1,029
Totals		135,602			136,975



2023

The Dorcan Church

2023 Accounts



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

The **Methodist** Church 

Tony Prichard
Treasurer
December 2023

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Accounting policies

Going concern accounting policy

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. The recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis is likely to have an impact on the charity. The trustees have considered the impact of these issues on the Dorcan Church's current and future financial position. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £33,000, designated reserves that can be drawn down if necessary and a zero cash balance. The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102 SORP 2015).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the ECC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The Receipts and Payments method has been used to present the accounts.

Related Parties Transactions.

- Trustees' remuneration and benefits. During the year no trustee received any remuneration or benefit.
- Trustees' expenses. During the year trustees received expenses directly attributed to their agreed working expenses including but not restricted to: Telephone, travel, purchase of materials wholly and necessary to the running of the charity.

Fund accounting

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the ECC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted Funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific ECC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted Funds are income funds, which are to be spent on the ECC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the ECC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the ECC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the ECC will move any surplus to other general funds.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the ECC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the ECC. The Diocesan parish share and the Methodist quota are expected to be paid over and is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Reserves

Approximately three months operating costs above our normal turnover are held in the general account as a reserve. At the moment this amounts to £33,000.

Fixed assets

Consecrated, benefice and circuit property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s10 (2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the ministers and churchwardens/stewards on special trust for the ECC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis of 20% over five years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

There are no investments to be valued at 31 December.

Funds

General Fund

The General Fund represents the amounts available to the ECC to meet its ongoing obligations, based on the assumption that restricted funds are not available for general use. The ECC aims to hold several months operating costs in general funds. At 31st December 2023 the balance represents around three months' costs.

Mission Fund

To be distributed at the discretion of the ECC

Holiday Club Fund

For the provision of a children's Holiday Club.

Parish Weekend Fund

To assist those of limited means to attend Parish Weekends.

Centre Maintenance Fund.

A fund derived from 25% of the surplus from letting fees for the maintenance of the two centres

St. Paul's Fabric Fund

The Balance of the Dorcan Church share of the proceeds from the sale of the vicarage. To be used for major repairs at the discretion of the ECC.

Tiny Tot's (St. Paul's)

Funds held for St. Paul's Tiny Tots to be used at their direction

Tiny Tot's (St. Tim's)

Funds held for St. Tim's Tiny Tots to be used at their direction

Tea and Toast

Funds held for the Tea and Toast group at St. Timothy's. This has been expanded to become Cid's café Too.

Card Class

Funds raised by the Card Class to be used at their direction.

Monday Cell Group

Funds held on behalf of the Monday Cell Group to be used at their discretion.

Uganda Link

Used to finance activities connected with the Diocesan Uganda Link.

Youth Club

Funds held for the church Youth Club to be used at their discretion

Carl Gase Legacy Fund

Fund from the estate of the late Carl Gase.

Viv Craig Legacy

Fund from the estate of the late Viv Craig

Agency Collections

Funds collected on behalf of another charity or organisation, which do not form part of the income of the Dorcan Church.

Various collections are held on behalf of other organisations and these are paid over as soon as practical.

Comment

2023 has been a year of consolidation with rental income approximately equal to our budgeted amount. Our congregation continues with their offering equalling our budget expectations. Our expenditure has largely been within budget. A successful Gift Day appeal raised £9,300. Despite the challenges of increased cost of gas supply we have ended the year largely within our expected budget.

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Statement of Financial Activities					
Income and Endowments from:	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
				2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	92,214		1,776	93,990	98,117
Income from charitable activities	2,888		243	3,131	2,044
Other trading activities	35,141			35,141	31,865
Investments	1,409			1,409	367
Other income	1,929			1,929	1,030
				-	
Total income	133,581	-	2,019	135,600	133,423
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	96			96	134
Expenditure on charitable activities	128,295	2,968	2,363	133,626	128,472
Other Expenditure (Loan Repayments)	3,250			3,250	4,700
				-	
Total expenditure	131,641	2,968	2,363	136,972	133,306
Transfers				-	
Gross Transfers Between Funds - In	600		307	907	450
Gross Transfers Between Funds - Out			(907)	(907)	(450)
	600	-	(600)	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	2,540	(2,968)	(944)	(1,372)	117
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds Brought Forward	42,892	15,236	9,906	68,034	67,917
Net Movement in Funds	2,540	(2,968)	(944)	(1,372)	117
Total Funds Carried Forward	45,432	12,268	8,962	66,662	68,034

Receipts and Payments Account					
Income					
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
				2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from Donations and Legacies					
Gift Aid - Bank - SO St.Paul's	42,837			42,837	40,249
Gift Aid - Bank - SO St.Tim's	5,638			5,638	6,411
Gift Aid - Envelopes - St. Paul's	1,952			1,952	2,418
Gift Aid - Envelopes - St. Tim's	1,591			1,591	2,076
Other planned giving - St. Paul's	9,847			9,847	11,340
Other planned giving - St. Tim's	553			553	1,331
Plate collections - St. Paul's	1,646		776	2,422	1,147
Plate collections - St. Timothy's	445		345	790	261
Regular gift days	9,300			9,300	1,647
One-off Gift Aid gifts	0			0	1,500
Donations appeals etc	1,707		655	2,362	2,962
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	15,564			15,564	13,019
Legacies	0			0	10,500
Non-recurring one-off grants	1,112			1,112	2,947
Other funds generated	22			22	309
	92,214	0	1,776	93,990	98,117
Income from Charitable Activities					
Youth Club	0		243	243	256
Fees for weddings, funerals etc.	2,528			2,528	1,468
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	57			57	0
Church hall lettings-objectives - St.T	303			303	320
	2,888	0	243	3,131	2,044
Other Trading Activities					
Fetes, Bazaars and Rummage sales etc	2,098			2,098	2,061
Bookstall Sales - Fund raising	80			80	47
Church hall lettings-fund raising - St.P	32,963			32,963	29,757
	35,141	0	0	35,141	31,865
Investments					
Bank and building society interest	1,409			1,409	367
	1,409	0	0	1,409	367
Other Income					
Income for events	1,929			1,929	943
Insurance claims	0			0	87
	1,929	0	0	1,929	1,030
Total Income	133,581	0	2,019	135,600	133,423

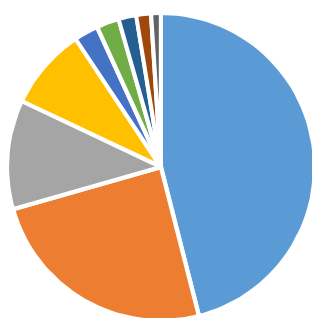
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Expenditure					
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				2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on Stewardship and Fund Raising					
Costs of stewardship campaign	58			58	91
Costs of fetes & other events	38			38	43
	96	0	0	96	134
Expenditure on Charitable Activities					
Event Expenses	1,891			1,891	910
Mission & Evangelism	1,784		615	2,399	2,537
Nominated Charities	345			345	1,510
Secular Charities	118			118	0
Fees due to Diocesan Board of Finance	1,370			1,370	1,126
Ministry parish share etc	51,000			51,000	51,000
Methodist Assessment	24,640			24,640	22,240
Assistant staff costs	396			396	196
Staff wages	19,990			19,990	21,624
Working expenses of ministers	548			548	737
Council tax	1,029			1,029	1,275
Water rates - St. Paul's	983			983	801
Vicar's telephone	151			151	170
Training	0			0	108
Church running - insurance - St.P	1,652			1,652	1,543
Church Running - Insurance - St.T	517			517	466
Church office - telephone	503			503	398
Organ / piano tuning	180			180	206
Church maintenance - St. Paul's	0			0	0
Church Maintenance - St. Tim's	0			0	0
Upkeep of services-Adult	1,876			1,876	1,026
Upkeep of services - Children & Youth	53			53	313
Messy Church	287			287	500
Spark	0			0	0
Youth Club	0		108	108	0
Ignite	0			0	8
Blaze (Vybe)	0			0	32
Upkeep of churchyard	768			768	476
Administration	2,210			2,210	2,256
Hospitality - Visiting speakers / Locums	0			0	0
Church Family - Acts of Kindness	15			15	45
Church running - Electric - ST.P	363			363	325
Church running - Electricity - ST.T	493			493	338
Church running - gas - ST.P	603			603	446
Church running - gas ST.T	2,250			2,250	1,189
Hall running - electric - St.Pauls	2,334			2,334	1,840
Hall running - gas - St.P	3,415			3,415	2,510
Hall running - maintenance - ST.P	4,963			4,963	5,869
Hall running - Maintenance - ST.T	743		858	1,601	2,768
Hall running - telephone	209			209	172
Governance costs - Examination/Audit fee	616			616	
Church Interior + Exterior decorating	0		782	782	
Church major repairs-installation-St.T.	0			0	1,512
Hall + major repairs - installation SP	0	2,968		2,968	0
	128,295	2,968	2,363	133,626	128,472
Other Expenditure					
Loan repayments	3,250			3,250	4,700
	3,250	0	0	3,250	4,700
Total Expenditure	131,641	2,968	2,363	136,972	133,306
Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure	1,940	-2,968	-344	-1,372	117

Statement of Assets and Liabilities					
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
				2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank and In Hand					
Bank Current Account - Co-operative Bank					
General Fund	11,454			11,454	11,325
Tiny Tots - St.Paul's			256	256	297
Tiny Tots - St. Tim's			299	299	84
Youth Club			962	962	449
Uganda Link			142	142	143
Thursday Football				-	307
Mission Fund		500		500	500
Centre Maintenance	2,767			2,767	4,736
St. Paul's Fabric Fund				-	-
Carl Gase Legacy Fund		10,000		10,000	10,000
Viv Craig Legacy Fund			5,810	5,810	7,450
Card Class			105	105	105
Monday Cell Group			183	183	32
Holiday Club			536	536	536
Parish Weekend			499	499	499
Tea & Toast (Cid's Café 2)			172	172	4
	14,221	10,500	8,964	33,685	36,467
Bank Deposit Account - Methodist CFB					
General fund	32,977	-	-	32,977	31,567
	32,977	-	-	32,977	31,567
Total Cash at Bank and In Hand	47,198	10,500	8,964	66,662	68,034
Fixed Assets					
Photocopier (Written down to zero)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Footnotes)					
Accounts Receivable					
General Fund	-	-	-	2,202	2,772
	-	-	-	2,202	2,772
Creditors (Footnotes)					
Accounts payable					
General Fund		-	-	5,767	6,980
	-	-	-	5,767	6,980

Centre Accounts		
St. Paul's Centre		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Income		
Church Hall - Fund raising - St. Paul's	32,963	29,757
	32,963	29,757
Expenditure		
Staff Wages (80%) Manager & Cleaning	10,492	12,038
Council Tax	1,029	1,275
Water Rates - St. Paul's	983	801
Hall Running - electric - St. Paul's	2,334	1,840
Hall Running - gas - St. Paul's	3,425	2,510
Hall Running - maintenance - St. Paul's	4,963	5,869
Hall Running - telephone	208	172
Administration (80%)	1,768	1,805
	25,202	26,310
Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure	7,761	3,447
St. Tim's		
Income		
Church hall lettings- objectives - St. Tim's	303	320
	303	320
Expenditure		
Staff Wages (20%) Manager & Cleaning	2,623	3,009
Church maintenance - St. Tim's		-
Church running - Electricity - St. Tim's	493	338
Church running - Gas - St. Tim's	2,250	1,189
Hall running - maintenance - St. Tim's	1,601	2,768
Administration Charge (20%)	442	451
	7,409	7,755
Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure	(7,106)	(7,435)

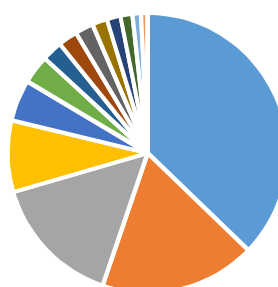
Foot Notes			
	2023	2022	
	£	£	
Debtors			
Hall rents - December	246	451	
HMRC - Gift Aid Tax recovered Q4	1,956	1,896	
Bristolian Productions		225	
R&H Electric	-	114	
SumUp (Card machine)	-	-	
D Mulcock	-	6	
	2,202	2,692	
Creditors			
Diocese of Bristol Loan	1,000	3,000	
North Wilts Methodist Circuit Loan inc interest	-	1,350	
Hills Waste	99	135	
Daisy Communications - Dec. Mobile phones	26	29	
Daisy Communications - Nov & Dec. Broadband	152	84	
Children's Society	200	125	
Action for Children – Formerly NCH	200	125	
British Gas – Electricity (St. Paul's)	308	678	
British Gas – Gas (St. Paul's)	1,798	1,112	
British Gas - Gas (St. Tim's)	308	1	
British Gas - Electricity (St. Tim's)	64	64	
Clare Can Do It - Dec cleaning	-	-	
W. McCarthy	-	61	
B Fisher Tiny Tots Expenses	130	-	
Advance Hall Bookings	1,236	-	
Rev. T. Wigley Expenses	246	200	
D Mulcock - Youth Club Expenses	-	16	
	5,767	6,980	

Dorcan Church Income



- Regular Giving 46%
- Lettings 25%
- Tax recovered 12%
- Other giving 9%
- Other 3%
- Plate collections 2%
- Fees 2%
- Fetes etc. 2%
- Bank Interest 1%

Dorcan Church Expenditure



- Parish Share 37%
- Methodist Assessment 18%
- Ministers and Staff 15%
- Utilities 8%
- Maintenance 5%
- Repairs 3%
- Loan Repayments 2%
- Mission and Charitable Giving 2%
- Administration 2%

Income			Expenditure		
Regular Giving	46%	62,418	Parish Share	37%	51,000
Lettings	25%	33,266	Methodist Assessment	18%	24,640
Other giving	9%	11,662	Ministers & Staff	15%	20,934
Tax recovered	12%	15,564	Utilities	8%	11,305
Other	2%	3,443	Maintenance	5%	6,564
Plate collections	2%	3,212	Repairs	3%	4,519
Fees	2%	2,528	Loan Repayments	2%	3,250
Fetes etc.	1%	2,098	Mission and Charitable Giving	2%	3,023
Bank Interest	1%	1,409	Administration	2%	2,885
			Upkeep of Services	2%	2,396
			Insurance	2%	2,169
			Cost of events	1%	1,891
			Fees	1%	1,370
			Council Tax	1%	1,029
Totals		135,600			136,975

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the ECC 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 ECC'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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect :

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act ; or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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P J Crowley FCA
Derrick Newman Limited
Chartered Accountants
29 Bath Road
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Date

DORCAN ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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Accounts



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**Transforming Lives and
Communities**



**Annual
Report
2022**

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These pages represent our report to The Charities Commission in a format as required for charities with an income greater than £100,000

Ecumenical Church Council to formally approve this report at their next meeting in May/June 2023

Income		Expenditure	
Regular Giving	63,825	Parish Share	51,000
Lettings	30,077	Ministers and Staff	22,727
Other giving	6,109	Methodist Assessment	22,240
Tax recovered	13,019	Repairs	1,512
Legacies	10,500	Utilities	8019
Plate collections	1,408	Mission and Charitable Giving	4,092
Other	4,501	Administration	2,256
Bank Interest	367	Insurance	2009
Fees	1,468	Upkeep of services	1839
Fetes etc.	2,061	Council Tax	1,275
		Fees	1,126
		Cost of events	953
		Maintenance	9113
		Other	445
		Loan Repayments	4,700
Totals	133,423		133,306

Tony Prichard & Pete Mulcock Finance Committee

ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Legal and Administrative information

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Vacancy

Churchwarden

Vacancy

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THE DORCAN CHURCH

*A Local Ecumenical Partnership between
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Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the world has been reconciled to God, and in Jesus Christ unity has been offered to all people. Through the Word, we are called into a relationship with God and with one another as the children of God – a relationship inaugurated by Baptism into Christ through the Holy Spirit, nurtured and deepened through the ministry of word and sacrament and expressed in a confession of one faith and a common life of loving service.

(from the Declaration of Intent of The Dorcan Church)

OUR PURPOSE

“Transforming lives and communities,
Knowing Jesus, and making Him known”

OUR PICTURE OF CHURCH

“A growing and vibrant church,
confident in its purpose and trusting in God”

a church which makes Jesus known
a church of disciples
a church in, and for, the community
a church which cares

Church Fabric

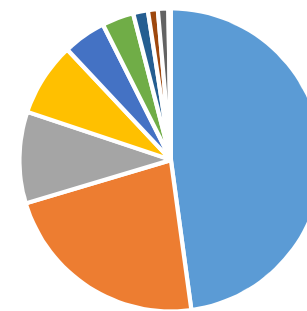
In order to facilitate the work of the Church it is important that we maintain the fabric of both St. Timothy's and St. Paul's Church and Community Centre. Both are important to our work while bringing financial challenges.

This year at St. Tim's we have purchased some folding tables and an outside notice board.

The Future

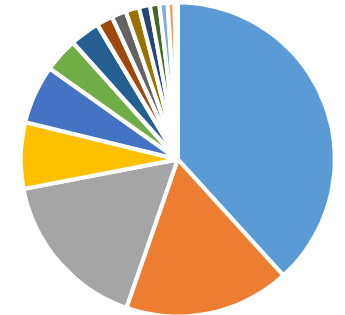
In 2023 there remain a number of challenges in the maintenance of our buildings with the possibility of some remedial work to St. Paul's roof box gutters. A number of items at St. Timothy's will require addressing although lettings there have virtually dried up.

Dorcan Church Income



Regular Giving	48%
Lettings	23%
Tax recovered	10%
Legacies	8%
Other giving	5%
Other	3.4%
Fetes etc.	1.6%
Plate collections	1%
Fees	1%
Bank Interest	.3%

Dorcan Church Expenditure



Parish Share	38%
Ministers and Staff	17%
Methodist Assessment	17%
Maintenance	7%
Utilities	6%
Loan Repayments	4%
Mission and Charitable Giving	3%
Administration	21.7%
Insurance	1.5%
Upkeep of services	1.4%
Repairs	1%
Council Tax	1%
Fees	1%
Cost of events	.7%

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2022

Summary

As we entered 2022 with the nation still emerging from the COVID pandemic, the financial outlook for our Church appeared quite uncertain. Despite reducing staff hours and reluctantly declining to increase our Parish Share contribution to the Bristol Diocese, our budget for the year predicted a significant deficit in excess of -£15k.

However, as demonstrated by the figures below, things turned out much better than this, with 2022 definitely being a year of recovery following the pandemic.

- Congregational offerings remained steady, closely matching 2021 amounts, despite people facing energy price increases and large rises in the cost of living.
- Rental income from the Centres exceeded our budgeted expectations.
- Grant aid amounting to £2947 was received, which helped to maintain our balances.

- Expenditure has largely been within budget.

- Despite the challenges, we ended the year with a small surplus of +£117.

We have much to praise God for and, as always, we are extremely grateful to all who contributed, either by giving or by fund-raising on behalf of The Dorcan Church.

However, these figures do also rather mask a concerning financial position.

A significant amount of our 2022 income came in the form of a legacy from the late Viv Craig. We are very grateful for this, but restrictions apply about how it can be used. Essentially it is not available for ongoing, 'day-to-day' expenditure.

Consequently, during 2022 the General Fund, which sustains the majority of our 'day-to-day' expenditure for both Church and Centres, fell from £18087 to just £11325, a fall of £6762. Indeed, were it not for Viv's legacy and another one kindly left by the late Mavis Mason-Williams we would have recorded a deficit in excess of -£7900. Our projections indicate that we can only sustain losses of this size for another year or so.

Financial Management

Building on previous years' financial work we have been able to continue working to a budget. This makes the work of the Finance Committee a lot easier since we are able to monitor progress throughout the year.

Gift aid continues to be claimed quarterly which maintains our cash flow such that both our Parish Share and Methodist Assessment have been paid as they became due. We continue with the Parish Giving Scheme whereby members can donate by direct debit. Donations and Tax recoverable from Gift Aid are received monthly reducing the work of the Treasurer and improving further our cash flow.

ROLE OF ECC

The Trustees of the Dorcan Church are the Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council, which has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbents in promoting the activities of the Church in the Community. Members of the Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council are either ex-officio, elected at the Annual Church Meeting or co-opted in accordance with the Constitution Governing Document dated 10th April 2011, as amended from time to time thereafter.

Membership of Ecumenical Church Council (2022-2023)

Elected Members (elected for 3-year term)

Nicki Broom	until 2023
Nicki Clinch	until 2023
Sam Glennerster	until 2023
Nathalie Marshall	until 2023
Peter Mulcock	until 2023
Chris Rose	until 2023
Clare Rose	until 2023
Clare Smith	until 2024
Albertine Davies	until 2024
Diane Killick	until 2025
Janet Prichard	until 2025
Anne Davey	until 2025
Tony Prichard	until 2025

Co-opted Members (co-opted for 1-year term)

Sue Morgans	until 2023
John Davidson	until 2023

Churchwarden (appointed on an annual basis)

Vacancy

ECC officers

Vacancy	Church Warden
Nathalie Marshall	Chair
Tony Prichard	Treasurer
Nicki Broom	ECC secretary

Ministers

Revd Trudie Wigley
Revd Stuart Fisher
Revd Stephen Roe

Deanery Synod Representatives (elected for a 3-year term)

Jenny Poole	until 2023
Clare Rose	until 2023

Representatives to the Circuit meeting

Nathalie Marshall
Tony Prichard

Other Appointments: Church Stewards (Appointed on an annual basis)

Other non-trustee elected Positions:

St Paul's

Nathalie Marshall (Senior Church Steward)
Neil Marshall
Diane Killick
Angela Davidson
John Davidson
Jo Hannigan

St Timothy's

Jo Bush
Sarah Paterson
Brenda Phillips
Anne Davey
No senior steward appointed

Representatives to the Methodist Circuit meeting

Nathalie Marshall
Tony Prichard

Additional Facts and Figures

Average Sunday Attendance (October count statistics):

St Pauls	46 adults	4 under 16s
St Timothy's	11 adults	0 under 16
Messy Church (monthly)	26 adults	17 under 16
Church at home services	17 people participated online	
Total	100 adults	21 under 16s

Typical week-day attendance: Jan to March 2023

Tiny Tots St Paul's	25 adults	18 children
Tiny Tots St Timothy's	15 adults	9 children
Cids Café St Paul's	30 adults	4 volunteers
Cid's Too St Tim's	17 adults	8 children 4 volunteers
Morning Prayer	4 adults	
Total	99 adults	35 pre-schoolers

As we look forward to marking 50 years of the Dorcan Church as a worshipping community, we wonder what God has in store for us next.

Nathalie Marshall (Senior Steward)

FABRIC REPORT

2022 continued to provide us with challenges, and our buildings also challenge us, as we try to maintain them in a fit and proper state, financed by letting income, which we are trying to get back to pre-Pandemic levels, with some encouraging success.

St Pauls

The roof above the chapel is a concern, and we are in discussions with a roofing company, on the best way forward.

The small hall, continues to be popular with users, and as well as the improvements made last year (post Covingham Library's departure), we have added new curtains; with the aid of a grant from Covingham Parish Council. We have also had an energy audit carried out (for Eco Church), installed a gate at the side of the church, decluttered the garage, replaced the mats at the main entrance, and carried out repairs to all the toilets over the year, to keep the building functioning for our members and hirers, much of this was carried out on a voluntary basis, by the "usual suspects" to whom we are eternally grateful.

The trees on the garage end of the carpark have been trimmed by a tree surgeon, and no longer overhang the neighbour's property.

The end of 2022, saw the departure of Jenny Hatter our Centre Development Manager, who has been recalled to fulltime duties at Christ Church, and Maggie Johnson has taken over those responsibilities.

St Timothy's

St Timothy's has become a busy community building, and now hosts Swindon Food Collective on a Friday morning, and has seen some reorganisation to accommodate them.

The flat roof covering over the vestibule has been replaced, we now have a new noticeboard a new security light over the entrance, and we have purchased Go Pak folding tables, to replace the cumbersome tables that we had.

After some delay we were successful in having Adrian Male associates appointed to carry out the quinquennial inspection, which has been completed, and we are now in receipt of his report.

John Davidson

worshipping at St Paul's, Covingham and St Timothy's, Liden. The Church continues to advance the Christian faith across the locality, both as a worshipping community but also as a serving community.

2022. The year with no lockdowns! Though still Covid continued to overshadow. Christmas in 2021 was celebrated in the car park; by Christmas 2022 we were able to welcome the community into our church buildings. We moved from wearing masks to not wearing masks, and we were able to reintroduce the common cup in communion, with intinction remaining a choice.

2022 saw both the Queens Platinum Jubilee and then her passing in September. We celebrated the Jubilee with a fete, and planted a tree as part of the Queens canopy (which we thought had died but has made an Easter resurrection!) and marked her death with open buildings and books of condolence. We were grateful for people who volunteered at the last minute to help open up the buildings to allow people to pay their respects. Along with the tree, in the autumn we planted several hundred bulbs in order to encourage bees and other pollinators in to our grounds. We look forward to enjoying their blooms for many years to come.

Financially, we managed to stay solvent, though only through legacies. We are grateful yet again to our finance team for keeping us as a church on the financial straight and narrow, and we pray for them as times will no doubt get tighter before they get easier.

As a church we continued to play an active part in our local and global community. We launched the Food collective at St Tim's, and continue to host, staff and support this initiative which is sadly much needed in our community. We re-launched Tea and Toast at St Tim's, which morphed in to Cids 2, mirroring Cids Café in St Pauls. Both these events are now registered with Swindon Borough Council as an official "Warm Space" offering a place for our local community to feel warmth in, we hope, both body and spirit. The war in Ukraine started in 2022, and we were pleased to be able to send goods and funds to help the refugee effort, and pleased to welcome several Ukrainians in to our church family as they were hosted by Stephen and Angela at the Manse on Merlin Way.

Children and Young Peoples work was restarted as we tried to discern what God wanted us to do, and where he wants us to do it. Over 50 people at Messy Church at St Tim's in the run up to Christmas appears to be at least part of that answer, and we continue to pray for this work in 2023. This is hugely helped by the new tables and noticeboard purchased for St Tim's with money from the legacy left by Viv Craig. We thank God for this timely gift.

Occasional offices:

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Baptisms	3	1	0	12	10	15	14	15	8
Funerals	7	16	18	16	24	9	13	16	13
Confirmations	0	0	0	5	4	0	1	4	0
Weddings	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS OF AUTHORISED MINISTRIES

Emeritus

Beth Lamb - Licensed Lay Minister Emeritus: In April 2022, we celebrated Beth's 27 years of ministry amongst us as, in the words of +Lee's letter, she "hung up her spurs" and moved to Emeritus. She steps down with our love and understanding and we give thanks for her faithful ministry over the years,

Barbara Wilcox – Licensed May Minister Emeritus: At our AGM last year we celebrated Barbara's many years of ministry amongst us on the occasion of her moving to become LLM Emeritus. Whilst this pauses her regular preaching ministry, Barbara continues with all that she generously offers to the mission and ministry of this church in many other ways. We are grateful for her past, present and future faithful ministry amongst us as she follows God's calling.

Trudie Wigley

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of ECC members is set out in the Constitution Governing Document dated 10th April 2011, as amended from time to time thereafter. All those who are part of the church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and may then stand for election to ECC. The maximum number of elected members to ECC is 13.

Meetings of ECC

The trustees met 4 times during 2022 in April, June, September and November, all in person. Until April 2022, as per ECC's agreement in October 2021, meetings were on hold until we were able to appoint a secretary with business transacted by Standing Committee.

Committees and working groups

The aims of the charity are affected through a number of committees and teams, as follows:

Centre Management Committee: The Centre Management Committee meets to co-ordinate property-related matters across the Dorcan Church in support of the Church's Vision and Mission. It forms a link between the 'do-ers' and the decision-making processes at Finance and ECC. It provides oversight to the Centre Administrator in the letting, maintenance and development of the premises at St Paul's and St Timothy's. The Centre Management Committee also sets out to balance the use of the centres both a) to help enable the mission of the church and b) to provide facilities for the benefit of the community.

Children and Young People: Our ministry to CYP continued faithfully through the pandemic and as we have emerged. We engage through our schools' work, missional outreach to young people and pre-schoolers in our community through Blaze/Youth group, Messy church and Tiny Tots, as well as nurturing and caring for those children and young people who worship with us and are a part of The Dorcan Church. This committee will look to more formally resume this year to support and look holistically at our CYP ministry.

Finance Committee: The team worked under the delegated authority of ECC and looks after our financial resources, managing the day-to-day finances of income, giving and expenditure. It looks to prepare an annual budget for approval by the ECC.

Focus group: This new group met twice in 2022. Its scope includes working on strategy and direction; making recommendations and engaging with other Working Groups; providing a focus and guidance as to priorities and implementation; giving a place of initial thinking to discuss creative ideas and their role within priorities agreed by ECC. At our last meeting we were starting to look at shaping the focus of our energy and priorities going forward. There are clearly God-led activities which have taken off which will inform and shape the articulation of the mission and ministry at Dorcan Church. This articulation will support us in how we might engage, and seek resources, through the Diocese "Transforming Church Together" strategy and the Methodist "New Places for New People" vision.

Preaching team: We met twice, studying the Bible and praying together, and are now meeting every quarter. We also focused on some of the practicalities of worship as we have grown post pandemic and also planned for Christmas and Easter, including suggesting resources.

Safeguarding: Safeguarding practice is central to the mission and ministry of the church. The safeguarding team work to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are safe in our churches, and that all those who are survivors of abuse are listened

match funding, for eco projects. Money was also made available for churches providing 'Warm Spaces' over the winter, and the Dorcan Church received £500 to assist with our extra costs.

Finally, Revd Jonathan Pye will be stepping down as District Chair on his retirement in August 2024, and Revd Marcus Torchon, currently serving as Superintendent of the Coventry and Nuneaton Circuit, will take up the appointment in September 2024, with the approval of the Conference. We wish them both well as they prepare for the next stage of their ministry.

Stephen Roe

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

The Dorcan Church is committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults and the Safeguarding Team have been kept busy over the past year with recruitment, training and renewing DBS checks as normal activities have resumed and new ones have begun. We follow the policies of Bristol Diocese and the Church Council oversees the following activities for children and young people; Tiny Tots, Messy Church, Christmas Unwrapped, Blaze Junior Club, Youth Club, Easter Cracked Open. Nearly all of these activities are offered at St Paul's and St Timothy's.

As part of the safe recruitment process, where eligible, volunteers working with vulnerable groups have been checked at the level appropriate to their role. We have a total of 30 volunteers with a current DBS check, 18 of whom are cleared to work with children and vulnerable adults and 12 who are cleared to work with children. These checks have to be renewed every 3 years. All these volunteers have completed the Basic and Foundation Training in Safeguarding, 7 have completed the Leadership Training and 18 have completed the Domestic Abuse Training, all of which have to be refreshed every 3 years.

It is 7 years since I first took on the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer responsible for Safe Recruitment, Concerns and coordinating the work of the team. I would like to thank Dianne Lane for her tireless work in overseeing the training, Sue Morgans for ensuring that all the volunteers who need them have current DBS checks, and Trudie Wigley and Stephen Roe for all the hidden work of dealing with concerns. I am stepping down from this role now to have more time for other interests and would like to thank all the group leaders who have worked with me to ensure that our church is a safe place for everybody.

Jenny Poole

CHARITY TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Dorcan Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between The Church of England and The Methodist Church, serving the Swindon urban villages of Covingham, Nythe, Liden and Eldene. The partnership includes the congregations

CHURCHWARDEN REPORT – VACANT

NORTH WILTSHIRE CIRCUIT REPORT OF 2022 FOR THE DORCAN CHURCH

Mark Barratt retired as the Superintendent in the summer, and was replaced by David Gray. Rach Collins joined the circuit as a probationer. Cleverton closed their building and are now worshipping with Great Somerford, and with much sadness it was also announced that both Sherston and Luckington buildings would be closed. Marlborough Methodists completed the sale of their building (pleasingly to another church) and are now worshipping with the local Anglican community. A time of great change for the circuit, and we hold these congregations in our prayers.

Nathalie Marshall

BRISTOL METHODIST DISTRICT

The Autumn Representative Synod was held, as usual, at Kingswood School, Bath. As well as dealing with the normal administrative matters, such as welcoming new ministers to the District and finance, the main focus of the Synod was on the Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity, with its aim of working towards a full inclusive Methodist Church, a church which is free of all forms of discrimination and which celebrates the rich diversity of humanity and recognises that all people are made in the image of God. We were encouraged to reflect on and respond to the questions and challenges which this poses for us, as individuals and as churches.

The main session of the Spring Synod was led by Deacon Eunice Attwood, on the theme of the Church at the Margins, especially concentrating on our mission and ministry among those living in economic poverty. In a thought-provoking session, she encouraged to discuss and reflect on the following questions:

- Does God care about those experiencing poverty? What does the Bible have to say about this?
- Does the Church care about those experiencing poverty? If we do, how do we express that?
- What signs do you see that people are experiencing poverty in your community? Who is responding to people experiencing poverty in your community?

As part of its commitment to the climate crisis, the District was declared an eco-District, the first Methodist District to receive that status, and some funds have been designated from the District Advance Fund, partly as grants and partly as

to, valued and supported. **Safeguarding remains the legal responsibility of the ECC.** The team met regularly throughout the year.

Standing Committee: The standing committee is authorised by the ECC. It has the power to transact the business of the ECC between meetings, subject to any direction from ECC. It comprises seven people, with a quorum of five from the Ministers (including Anglican and Methodist incumbents), Churchwarden, Treasurer and two others from ECC. If there is business to transact, it meets between the bi-monthly ECC meeting to agree risk assessments, finances, attend to other day-to-day requirements and deal with urgent items that cannot wait until the next ECC.

Trudie Wigley

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

2023/22	2022/21	2021/20	2020/19*	2019/18	2018/17	2017/16	2016/15	2015/14
141	139	146	147*	162	161	159	152	135

*Full electoral role revision

Currently, there are 141 people who are officially registered as Members of the Dorcan Church. We do however, have quite a few folk who worship with us on a regular basis, but have not yet committed themselves to filling in a form. If you're considering Membership, or you aren't quite sure of what is involved, please speak to one of the Ministers, or myself after the meeting. Becoming a Member allows you to vote at the APCM, and also enables you to be nominated for the Church Council.

Sadly, during the past 12 months, we've had to say 'goodbye' to 8 Members who have either moved away or passed on to glory. However, I'm happy to report that we have 6 new members who have joined officially, although two of them have been coming most of their lives... Kai and Grace, and also Christine, Nadine, Georgina and Steven who have decided that this the church for them. I'm sure you will give them all a warm welcome.

It would be wrong not praise God for all the other folk who now have contact with the church, whose numbers cannot be recorded here. I'm thinking of the families at both of our centres, who are beginning to look on our church as their own. People from Tiny Tots, Messy Church, Tea and Toast, Youth Clubs, and both of the Cid's cafes. Thank you to all who make their time available to serve these groups and thank you to those of you who support them in prayer.

May God's abundant blessings be with you all.

Barbara Wilcox Electoral Roll/Membership Secretary

DIOCESAN SYNOD ANNUAL REPORT

The Diocesan Synod, which is the primary elected representative body drawn from across the Diocese of Bristol, met four times in 2022 in March, June, September and November. As well as hearing about and discussing a wide range of areas of the Church's work, it helps formulate and approve policy and the diocesan budget and debates important local and national issues affecting the Church.

Transforming Church Together

The largest part of the Synod's work was focussed on Transforming Church Together (TCT). Throughout the year the direction of travel was agreed by synod, and over the period more detail was discerned and articulated. This culminated in the strategy being approved by Synod in September 2022 and our bid for funding was submitted to the Church of England Investment Board. We are delighted that we have been successful in Stage 1 of our bid and expect to hear shortly about Stage 2 which will enable us to invest and move forward with the strategic plan.

More details on TCT can be found here

<https://www.bristol.anglican.org/visionandpriorities/transforming-church/>

Annual Safeguarding Report and Past Cases review: Safeguarding was also a significant focus for synod in 2022. The usual annual report was received detailing statistics and progress, as well as a detailed report of the Past Cases Review of the Diocese. An independent reviewer found that the Diocese of Bristol was *"proactive in its safeguarding. ...and that the safeguarding improvements seen in the timeline from around 2012 – to current was impressive, in particular the last 5 years has embedded safeguarding firmly in the Diocese and parishes"*. This was encouraging to hear, yet the burden on parishes was acknowledged. Bristol Diocese is joining with other Dioceses in the South West to work at best practice to implementing some of the recommendations of the national report, including (for this Diocese) the creation of the role of Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (rather than advisor), and the development of a quality assurance process and standards.

Living in Love and faith (LLF)

Synod was informed as to the depth of engagement there has been across the diocese with LLF and the 5-week course. The level of engagement was generally encouraging, including the grace-filled conversation between those of differing view. Synod also received an update of what could be expected when LLF goes to General Synod in February 2023.

Other significant agenda items included approval of the **Annual Expenditure** of the diocese, concerns and practicalities surrounding the **Cost of living crisis** and **Deanery Representation Schemes** for the resources churches and plants across the Diocese.

Trudie Wigley

REPORT FROM SWINDON DEANERY SYNOD – (Sally Robertson)

This was the first year with Sally Robertson as Area Dean and Phill Harrison as Assistant Area Dean. David Cain provided stability as Lay Chair and we were following in the wake of Trudie Wigley, who served the deanery very well as Area Dean in 2021. By the end of the year we had a complete Deanery Leadership Team with all 3 clergy and 3 lay vacancies filled which is a great help in ensuring Deanery Synod can work with as much impact as possible.

The Synod met 4 times during the year and in each meeting, we heard updates on key Diocesan and local priorities as well as a main topic. Our recurring priorities included the eco-challenge, racial justice, Living in love and faith and the cost of living crisis. We are blessed to have Mark Tidey as a member of synod as his role as a Project Officer in the Food Partnership and Inequalities Department of Swindon Borough Council keeps us well informed and aware of the challenges which local churches can rise to meet.

The main topic for each month included a presentation, discussion in small groups and the opportunity to feed back to one another. We heard from the following speakers and discussed the following topics

February	Clare Fussell, Diocesan Environmental Advisor	The Environmental Challenge facing our churches
May	Archdeacon Christopher Bryan	Transforming Church. Together draft strategy
July	Clare Garrett, Chief Executive of the Harbour Project	The work of the Harbour project, the impact on immigrants arriving in Swindon and how churches can support it, including tours of the project.
October	Liz Townend, Diocese of Bristol, Director of Education and Jez Piper, CEO Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust	Education in the Diocese, the challenges facing schools, plans for the future and how churches can be involved.

Each meeting provided us with new ideas and inspiration to take back to our own churches and to work on together as a Deanery. We are very grateful to the speakers and the churches who hosted.

Jenny Poole, Lay Representative



2022

The Dorcan Church

2022 Accounts



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

The **Methodist** Church



Tony Prichard
Treasurer
December 2022

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Accounting policies

Going concern accounting policy

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. The recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis is likely to have an impact on the charity. The trustees have considered the impact of these issues on the Dorcan Church's current and future financial position. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £31,000, designated reserves that can be drawn down if necessary and a zero cash balance. The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102 SORP 2015).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the ECC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The Receipts and Payments method has been used to present the accounts.

Related Parties Transactions.

- Trustees' remuneration and benefits. During the year no trustee received any remuneration or benefit.
- Trustees' expenses. During the year trustees received expenses directly attributed to their agreed working expenses including but not restricted to: Telephone, travel, purchase of materials wholly and necessary to the running of the charity.

Fund accounting

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the ECC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted Funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific ECC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted Funds are income funds, which are to be spent on the ECC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the ECC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the ECC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the ECC will move any surplus to other general funds.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the ECC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the ECC. The Diocesan parish share and the Methodist quota are expected to be paid over and is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Reserves

Approximately three months operating costs above our normal turnover are held in the general account as a reserve. At the moment this amounts to £31,000.

Fixed assets

Consecrated, benefice and circuit property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s10 (2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the ministers and churchwardens/stewards on special trust for the ECC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis of 20% over five years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

There are no investments to be valued at 31 December.

Funds

General Fund

The General Fund represents the amounts available to the ECC to meet its ongoing obligations, based on the assumption that restricted funds are not available for general use. The ECC aims to hold several months operating costs in general funds. At 31st December 2021 the balance represents around three months' costs.

Mission Fund

To be distributed at the discretion of the ECC

Holiday Club Fund

For the provision of a children's Holiday Club.

Parish Weekend Fund

To assist those of limited means to attend Parish Weekends.

Centre Maintenance Fund.

A fund derived from 25% of the surplus from letting fees for the maintenance of the two centres

St. Paul's Fabric Fund

The Balance of the Dorcan Church share of the proceeds from the sale of the vicarage. To be used for major repairs at the discretion of the ECC.

Tiny Tot's (St. Paul's)

Funds held for St. Paul's Tiny Tots to be used at their direction

Tiny Tot's (St. Tim's)

Funds held for St. Tim's Tiny Tots to be used at their direction

Tea and Toast

Funds held for the Tea and Toast group at St. Timothy's. This has been expanded to become Cid's café Too.

Card Class

Funds raised by the Card Class to be used at their direction.

Monday Cell Group

Funds held on behalf of the Monday Cell Group to be used at their discretion.

Uganda Link

Used to finance activities connected with the Diocesan Uganda Link.

Thursday Football

Funds held for the Thursday Football Group. To be used at their discretion

Youth Club

Funds held for the church Youth Club to be used at their discretion

Carl Gase Legacy Fund

from the estate of the late Carl Gase.

Viv Craig Legacy

Fund from the estate of the late Viv Craig

Agency Collections

Funds collected on behalf of another charity or organisation, which do not form part of the income of the Dorcan Church.

Various collections are held on behalf of other organisations and these are paid over as soon as practical.

Comment

2022 has been a year of recovery with rental income exceeding our budgeted amount. Our congregation in continues with their offering exceeding our budget expectations. Our expenditure has largely been within budget. A legacy from the Late Viv Craig has made the balance sheet look reasonably healthy however there are some restrictions on its use. Despite the challenges we have ended the year within our expected budget.

Building on previous year's financial work we have been able to continue working to a budget. This has made the work of the Finance Committee a lot easier as we are able to monitor progress throughout the year.

Gift aid continues to be claimed quarterly which maintains our cash flow such that both our Parish Share and Methodist Assessment have been paid as they became due. We continue with the Parish Giving Scheme whereby members can donate by direct debit. Donations and Tax recoverable from Gift Aid are received monthly reducing the work of the Treasurer and improving further our cash flow.

Some Grant aid has been received helping to maintain our balances.

Church Fabric

In order to facilitate the work of the Church it is important that we maintain the fabric of both St. Timothy's and St. Paul's Church and Community Centre. Both are important to our work while bringing financial challenges.

This year at St. Tim's we have purchased some folding tables and an outside notice board.

The Future

In 2023 there remain a number of challenges in the maintenance of our buildings with the possibility of some remedial work to St. Paul's roof box gutters. A number of items at St. Timothy's will require addressing although lettings there have virtually dried up.

Statement of Financial Activities

Income and Endowments from:	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	86,440	701	10,976	98,117	107,630
Income from charitable activities	1,788	-	256	2,044	3,460
Other trading activities	31,865	-	-	31,865	20,569
Investments	367	-	-	367	3
Other income	1,030	-	-	1,030	1,937
Total income	121,490	701	11,232	133,423	133,599
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	134	-	-	134	307
Expenditure on charitable activities	123,251	1,865	3,356	128,472	124,820
Other Expenditure	4,700	-	-	4,700	3,700
Total expenditure	128,085	1,865	3,356	133,306	128,827
Transfers					
Gross Transfers Between Funds - In	200	250	-	450	2,587
Gross Transfers Between Funds - Out	-	-	(450)	(450)	(2,587)
	200	250	(450)	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	(6,395)	(914)	7,426	117	4,772
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds Brought Forward	49,287	16,150	2,480	67,917	63,145
Net Movement in Funds	(6,395)	(914)	7,426	117	4,772
Total Funds Carried Forward	42,892	15,236	9,906	68,034	67,917

Receipts and Payments Account

Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from Donations and Legacies					
Gift Aid - Bank - SO St.Paul's	40,149	100	-	40,249	39,559
Gift Aid - Bank - SO St.Tim's	6,411	-	-	6,411	6,975
Gift Aid - Envelopes - St. Paul's	2,418	-	-	2,418	2,417
Gift Aid - Envelopes - St. Tim's	2,076	-	-	2,076	1,450
Other planned giving - St. Paul's	11,340	-	-	11,340	12,518
Other planned giving - St. Tim's	1,331	-	-	1,331	1,078
Plate collections - St. Paul's	832	-	315	1,147	1,255
Plate collections - St. Timothy's	261	-	-	261	686
Regular gift days	1,647	-	-	1,647	3,610
Giving through church boxes	-	-	-	-	4
One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,500	-	-	1,500	2
Donations appeals etc	1,700	601	661	2,962	571
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	13,019	-	-	13,019	14,361
Legacies	500	-	10,000	10,500	-
Non-recurring one-off grants	2,947	-	-	2,947	22,372
Other funds generated	309	-	-	309	772
	86,440	701	10,976	98,117	107,630
Income from Charitable Activities					
Youth Club	-	-	256	256	66
Fees for weddings, funerals etc.	1,468	-	-	1,468	3,391
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	-	-	-	-	3
Church hall lettings-objectives - St. T	320	-	-	320	-
	1,788	-	256	2,044	3,460
Other Trading Activities					
Fetes, Bazaars and Rummage sales etc	2,061	-	-	2,061	1,705
Bookstall Sales - Fund raising	47	-	-	47	988
Church hall lettings-fund raising - St.P	29,757	-	-	29,757	17,876
	31,865	-	-	31,865	20,569
Investments					
Bank and building society interest	367	-	-	367	3
	367	-	-	367	3
Other Income					
Income for events	943	-	-	943	1,937
Insurance claims	87	-	-	87	-
	1,030	-	-	1,030	1,937
Total Income	121,490	701	11,232	133,423	133,599

Receipts and Payments Account

Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on Stewardship and Fund Raising					
Costs of stewardship campaign	91	-	-	91	82
Costs of fetes & other events	43	-	-	43	225
	134	-	-	134	307

Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Event Expenses	910	-	-	910	1,859
Mission & Evangelism	1,473	-	1,064	2,537	746
Nominated Charities	1,510	-	-	1,510	1,300
Fees due to Diocesan Board of Finance	1,126	-	-	1,126	2,030
Ministry parish share etc	51,000	-	-	51,000	51,000
Methodist Assessment	22,240	-	-	22,240	21,460
Assistant staff costs	196	-	-	196	46
Staff wages	21,624	-	-	21,624	21,507
Working expenses of ministers	737	-	-	737	681
Council tax	1,275	-	-	1,275	1,075
Water rates - St. Paul's	801	-	-	801	179
Vicar's telephone	170	-	-	170	140
Training	108	-	-	108	-
Church running - insurance - St.P	1,543	-	-	1,543	1,525
Church Running - Insurance - St.T	466	-	-	466	408
Church office - telephone	398	-	-	398	513
Organ / piano tuning	206	-	-	206	144
Church maintenance - St. Paul's	-	-	-	-	33
Church Maintenance - St. Tim's	-	-	-	-	7
Upkeep of services-Adult	1,026	-	-	1,026	2,464
Upkeep of services - Children & Youth	313	-	-	313	269
Messy Church	500	-	-	500	169
Spark	-	-	-	-	10
Youth Club	-	-	-	-	111
Ignite	8	-	-	8	10
Blaze (Vybe)	32	-	-	32	19
Upkeep of churchyard	476	-	-	476	-
Administration	2,256	-	-	2,256	2,068
Hospitality - Visiting speakers / Locums	-	-	-	-	109
Church Family - Acts of Kindness	45	-	-	45	263
Church running - Electric - ST.P	325	-	-	325	248
Church running - Electricity - ST.T	338	-	-	338	319
Church running - gas - ST.P	446	-	-	446	365
Church running - gas ST.T	1,189	-	-	1,189	571
Hall running - electric - St.Pauls	1,840	-	-	1,840	1,406
Hall running - gas - St.P	2,510	-	-	2,510	2,069
Hall running - maintenance - ST.P	4,918	951	-	5,869	4,736
Hall running - Maintenance - ST.T	1,074	914	780	2,768	787
Hall running - telephone	172	-	-	172	189
Church major repairs-installation-St.T.	-	-	1,512	1,512	-
Hall + major repairs - installation SP	-	-	-	-	3,985
	123,251	1,865	3,356	128,472	124,820

Other Expenditure

Loan repayments	4,700	-	-	4,700	3,700
	4,700	-	-	4,700	3,700

Total Expenditure	128,085	1,865	3,356	133,306	128,827
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Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure	(6,595)	(1,164)	7,876	117	4,772
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank and In Hand					
Bank Current Account - Co-operative Bank					
General Fund	11,325	-	-	11,325	18,087
Tiny Tots - St.Paul's	-	-	297	297	175
Tiny Tots - St. Tim's	-	-	84	84	50
Youth Club	-	-	449	449	480
Uganda Link	-	-	143	143	143
Thursday Football	-	-	307	307	307
Mission Fund	-	500	-	500	500
Centre Maintenance	-	4,736	-	4,736	5,650
St. Paul's Fabric Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Carl Gase Legacy Fund	-	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Viv Craig Legacy Fund	-	-	7,450	7,450	-
Card Class	-	-	105	105	173
Monday Cell Group	-	-	32	32	117
Holiday Club	-	-	536	536	536
Parish Weekend	-	-	499	499	499
Tea & Toast (Cid's Café 2)	-	-	4	4	-
	11,325	15,236	9,906	36,467	36,717
Bank Deposit Account - Methodist CFB					
General fund	31,567	-	-	31,567	31,200
	31,567	-	-	31,567	31,200
Total Cash at Bank and In Hand	42,892	15,236	9,906	68,034	67,917
Fixed Assets					
Photocopier (Written down to zero)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Footnotes)					
Accounts Receivable					
General Fund	2,692	-	-	2,692	2,772
	2,692	-	-	2,692	2,772
Creditors (Footnotes)					
Accounts payable					
General Fund	6,980	-	-	6,980	11,160
	6,980	-	-	6,980	11,160

Centre Accounts

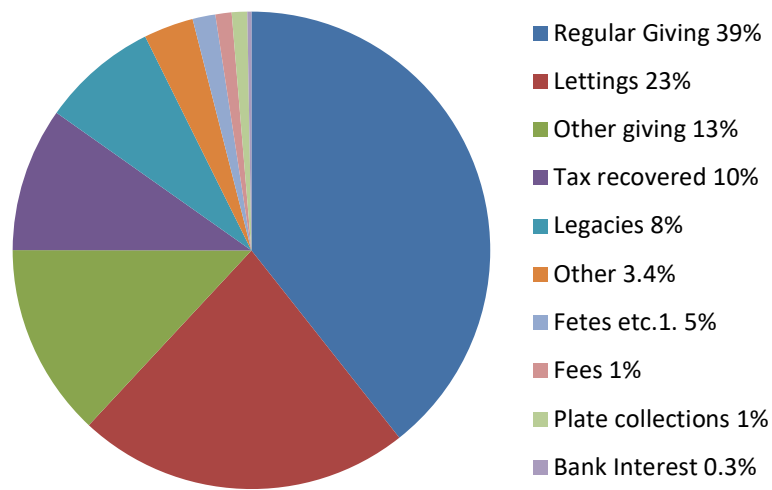
St. Paul's Centre

	2022 £	2021 £
Income		
Church Hall - Fund raising - St. Paul's	29,757	17,876
	29,757	17,876
Expenditure		
Staff Wages (80%) Manager & Cleaning	12,038	17,206
Council Tax	1,275	1,075
Water Rates - St. Paul's	801	179
Hall Running - electric - St. Paul's	1,840	1,406
Hall Running - gas - St. Paul's	2,510	2,069
Hall Running - maintenance - St. Paul's	5,869	4,736
Hall Running - telephone	172	189
Administration (80%)	1,805	1,654
	26,310	28,514
Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure	3,447	(10,638)

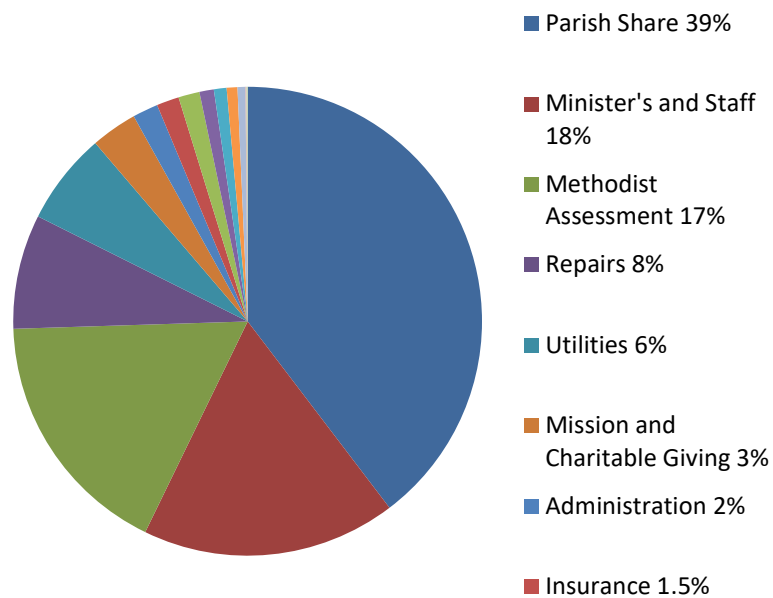
St. Tim's

Income		
Church hall lettings- objectives - St. Tim's	320	-
	320	-
Expenditure		
Staff Wages (20%) Manager & Cleaning	3,009	4,301
Church maintenance - St. Tim's	-	7
Church running - Electricity - St. Tim's	338	319
Church running - Gas - St. Tim's	1,189	571
Hall running - maintenance - St. Tim's	2,768	787
Administration Charge (20%)	451	414
	7,755	6,399
Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure	(7,435)	(6,399)

Dorcan Church Income



Dorcan Church Expenditure



Foot Notes

	2022 £	2021 £
Debtors		
Hall rents - December	451	459
HMRC - Gift Aid Tax recovered Q4	1,896	2,048
Bristolian Productions	225	225
R&H Electric	114	-
SumUp (Card machine)	-	40
D Mulcock	6	-
	2,692	2,772

Creditors

Diocese of Bristol Loan	3,000	5,000
North Wilts Methodist Circuit Loan inc interest	1,350	3,950
Hills Waste	135	127
Daisy Communications - Dec. Mobile phones	29	27
Daisy Communications - Nov & Dec. Broadband	84	45
Children's Society	125	100
Action for Children – Formerly NCH	125	100
British Gas – Electricity (St. Paul's)	678	266
British Gas – Gas (St. Paul's)	1,112	570
British Gas - Gas (St. Tim's)	1	76
British Gas - Electricity (St. Tim's)	64	33
Clare Can Do It - Dec cleaning	-	350
W. McCarthy	61	-
Wilts Historic Churches Trust-Ride & Stride	-	309
Advance Hall Bookings	-	105
Rev. T. Wigley Expenses (Estimate)	200	102
D Mulcock - Youth Club Expenses	16	-
	6,980	11,160

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES/MEMBERS OF
DORCAN ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council (the ECC) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the ECC 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 ECC'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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect :

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act ; or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

P J Crowley FCA
Derrick Newman Limited
Chartered Accountants
29 Bath Road
Swindon
SN1 4AS

Date

DORCAN ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 202

- 1) The financial statements of Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council (the ECC) have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- 2) The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:
 - moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the ECC and which require a faculty for disposal.
 - land and buildings held on behalf of the ECC.
 - other fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the ECC is free to dispose of such assets without restriction.
- 3) The following assets are recognised and a monetary value given as part of the description in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities :
 - amounts owing from H M Revenue & Customs.
 - any other amounts owing to the ECC including church hall lettings.
- 4) Closing bank balances are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.
- 5) The following liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities
 - any arrears of the Diocesan Parish Share.
 - creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced by 31 December 2020.

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Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect :

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act ; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which my attention should be drawn in this respect in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

P J Crowley FCA
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Chartered Accountants
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DORCAN ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

- 1) The financial statements of Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council (the ECC) have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- 2) The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:
 - moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the ECC and which have a faculty for disposal.
 - land and buildings held on behalf of the ECC.
 - other fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the ECC is free to dispose of such assets without restriction.
- 3) The following assets are recognised and a monetary value given as part of the description in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities :
 - amounts owing from H M Revenue & Customs.
 - any other amounts owing to the ECC including church hall lettings.
- 4) Closing bank balances are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.
- 5) The following liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:
 - any arrears of the Diocesan Parish Share.
 - creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced by 31 December.

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Building God's House

**Knowing Jesus
and making Him known**

**Transforming Lives and
Communities**



**Annual
Report
2021**

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These pages represent our report to
The Charities Commission in a format
as required for charities with an
income greater than £100,000

This report was approved by Dorcan
Ecumenical Church Council on
25th April 2022

ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2021

Legal and Administrative information

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Rev'd Trudie Wigley
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Charity number

1143702

Churchwarden

John Davidson

Churchwarden

Vacancy

**Acting ECC Secretary
(non-voting)**

Jackie Hancock (to 31/10/21)
St Paul's Church Centre
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*A Local Ecumenical Partnership between
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serving the Swindon urban villages of Covingham, Nythe, Liden &
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Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the world has been reconciled to God, and in Jesus Christ unity has been offered to all people. Through the Word, we are called into a relationship with God and with one another as the children of God – a relationship inaugurated by Baptism into Christ through the Holy Spirit, nurtured and deepened through the ministry of word and sacrament and expressed in a confession of one faith and a common life of loving service.

(from the Declaration of Intent of The Dorcan Church)

OUR PURPOSE

“Transforming lives and communities,
Knowing Jesus, and making Him known”

OUR PICTURE OF CHURCH

“A growing and vibrant church,
confident in its purpose and trusting in
God”

a church which makes Jesus known
a church of disciples
a church in, and for, the community
a church which cares

ROLE OF ECC

The Trustees of the Dorcan Church are the Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council, which has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbents in promoting the activities of the Church in the Community. Members of the Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council are either ex-officio, elected at the Annual Church Meeting or co-opted in accordance with the Constitution Governing Document dated 10th April 2011, as amended from time to time thereafter.

Membership of Ecumenical Church Council (2021-2022)

Elected Members (elected for 3-year term)

Janet Prichard	until 2022
Tony Prichard	until 2022
Nicki Broom	until 2023
Nicki Clinch	until 2023
Sam Glennerster	until 2023
Nathalie Marshall	until 2023
Peter Mulcock	until 2023
Chris Rose	until 2023
Clare Rose	until 2023
Jenny Poole	until 2024
Clare Smith	until 2024
Albertine Davies	until 2024

Co-opted Members (co-opted for 1-year term)

Sue Morgans	until 2022
Alex Scott	until 2022

Churchwarden (appointed on an annual basis)

John Davidson	until 2022
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ECC officers

John Davidson	Church Warden
Revd Trudie Wigley	Chair
Tony Prichard	Treasurer
Vacancy	ECC secretary

Ministers

Revd Trudie Wigley
Revd Stuart Fisher
Revd Stephen Roe (wef 1st Sept 2021)

Deanery Synod Representatives (elected for a 3-year term)

Jenny Poole	until 2023
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Other Appointments: Church Stewards (Appointed on an annual basis)

Other non-trustee elected Positions:

St Paul's

Nathalie Marshall (Senior Church Steward)

Nicki Broom

Angela Davidson

John Davidson

Sandra Marshall

Vacancy

St Timothy's

Jo Bush

Sarah Paterson

Brenda Phillips

Anne Davey

Mo Davey as support

No senior steward appointed

Representatives to the Methodist Circuit meeting

Nathalie Marshall

Tony Prichard

Additional Facts and Figures

Average Sunday Attendance (October count statistics):

St Pauls	46 adults	3 under 16s
St Timothy's	8 adults	0 under 16
Messy Church (monthly)	on hold due to the Coronavirus	
Church at home services	50 people participated online	
Total	104 adults	3 under 16s

Typical week-day attendance: Jan to March 2021

Mid-week communion	No Service due to Covid
Tiny Tots St Paul's	closed due to Covid
Tiny Tots St Timothy's	closed due to Covid
Total	0 adults 0 pre-schoolers

Occasional offices:

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Baptisms	1	0	12	10	15	14	15	8	10
Funerals	16	18	16	24	9	13	16	13	22
Confirmations	0	0	5	4	0	1	4	0	0
Weddings	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS OF AUTHORISED MINISTRIES

Mrs Mary Boitz: In summer 2021 Mary and the family moved from Swindon to a new home near Stroud. Mary is a Methodist Local Preacher and was an active preacher here at Dorcan. We thank her for her insights and encouragement to us all in our discipleship through her preaching and worship leading at Dorcan. Whist we miss them all, they go with our love and our prayers into this next chapter.

Rev Andrew Wigley: Andrew's appointment came to a close on 31st August 2021. We thank him for his faithful ministry amongst us and send our love and prayers to him as he looks to the future.

Deacon Stephen Roe: We warmly welcomed Stephen on 1st September 2021 as our new Methodist Minister, and his wife Angela. Stephen will have oversight of both Stratton Methodist and Dorcan Church, and we thank him for coming to be with us and look forward to his ministry amongst us. Welcome to you both.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of ECC members is set out in the Constitution Governing Document dated 10th April 2011, as amended from time to time thereafter. All those who are part of the church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and may then stand for election to ECC. The maximum number of elected members to ECC is 13.

Meetings of ECC

The trustees met 5 times during 2021 in January, March, May, September and October, with the first three meetings on Zoom necessitated by Covid. Due to the absence of a Secretary, in October 2021 ECC agreed that meetings would be on hold until we were able to appoint and therefore business has been transacted by Standing Committee since this date.

Committees and working groups

The aims of the charity are affected through a number of committees and teams, as follows:

Centre Management Committee: The Centre Management Committee meets to co-ordinate Property-related matters across the Dorcan Church in support of the Church's Vision and Mission. It forms a link between the 'do-ers' and the decision-making processes at Finance and ECC. It provides oversight to the Centre Administrator in the letting, maintenance and development of the premises at St Paul's and St Timothy's. The Centre Management Committee also sets out to balance the use of the centres both a) to help enable the mission of the church and b) to provide facilities for the benefit of the community.

Children and Young People: This committee looks to the ministry to children and young people, spanning our schools work, missional outreach to young people in our community, as well as nurturing and caring for those children and young people who worship and are a part of The Dorcan Church. This committee has not formally met this year, however the CYP ministry has continued faithfully during the pandemic for which we are grateful, and the committee will resume this year.

Finance Committee: The team worked under the delegated authority of ECC and looks after our financial resources, managing the day-to-day finances of income, giving and expenditure. It looks to prepare an annual budget for approval by the ECC.

Focus group: With our 5-year plan of Building God's House coming to an end just before the pandemic, we are now looking to discern our broad priorities for the next 5-year period. This new Focus Group, agreed by ECC in October 2021, will take a lead on the thinking, planning and suggestion of priorities for the next season,

and at the same time act as a place to support the smooth communication and practice of the various working groups with ECC. All authority and decision-making remains with ECC. The group is still “under construction” with the terms of reference being agreed yet its broad scope will include: Working on the strategy and direction; making recommendations and engaging with other Working Groups; providing a focus and guidance as to priorities and implementation; giving a place of initial thinking to discuss creative ideas and their role within priorities agreed by ECC; widening and sharing in the shaping and work of ECC, Standing committee and other working groups

Preaching team (previously ministry team): There were no meetings during 2021.

Safeguarding: Safeguarding practice is central to the mission and ministry of the church. The safeguarding team work to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are safe in our churches, and that all those who are survivors of abuse are listened to, valued and supported. **Safeguarding remains the legal responsibility of the ECC.**

Standing Committee: The standing committee is authorised by the ECC. It has the power to transact the business of the ECC between meetings, subject to any direction from ECC. It comprises seven people, with a quorum of five from the Ministers (including Anglican and Methodist incumbents), Churchwarden, Treasurer and two others from ECC. The committee met more often in 2021 due to both the implications of the Coronavirus pandemic and the absence of ECC meeting from October 2021. Between meetings it agreed risk assessments, finances and other day-to-day requirements.

Electoral Roll Report

2022/21	2021/20	2020/19*	2019/18	2018/17	2017/16	2016/15	2015/14	2014/13*
139	146	147*	162	161	159	152	135	137*

*Full electoral role revision

Another difficult year... but are we discouraged, no of course not! We have so many reasons to thank our extravagant God for... all His many blessings to us, despite the setbacks of the past 12 months, and we are so lucky to be able to worship Him in our lovely buildings.

There are currently 139 people registered on the Dorcan Church Electoral Roll / Members list. Happily, we have welcomed 5 new Members into our congregation. However, we've had to say 'goodbye' to 14 Members, 3 of whom have passed on to glory, and the remainder have either changed churches, or moved away from our Parish.

I must mention that there are also other people who are part of our wider congregation. I'm thinking about the families that come to Messy Church... the young families at Liden who are so pleased to be able to return to Tea and Toast once more, and of course all the families who meet for Tiny Tots, both here and at St. Tim's. A big 'Thank You' to all who dedicate their time and energy to the smooth running of these groups, and may I encourage you to pray for their energy and protection as they carry out God's work in the community.

If there are any of you who are thinking of becoming a Member or would like to find out more about what is involved, please speak to a Minister, a Churchwarden, or to me. Any details you give will be treated in the strictest confidence. Membership enables you to vote at the AGM, and also allows you Stand for Office.

May God's blessing be with you all.

Barbara Wilcox
Electoral Roll/Membership Secretary

Churchwarden and Senior Stewards reports

2021 appeared to pick up where 2022 left off, as Covid lockdowns continued, and more events and services were held outside than inside for much of the year. Occasional meetings were still held in the building, the office was in regular use, and some of our hiring users started to return towards the end of the year. Where we could, we ended services outside so as to be able to SING, and the local households in Covingham had to put up with a very loud Easter Sunday morning. Even the carols by candle light service was outside in the cold, lit with fairy lights and battery tea lights, though we did manage limited Christingle services indoors.

Streaming of the majority of services has continued, so those worried about infection, ill, or even away from home could join us online. We are grateful for the technology to allow us to connect in this way.

In September we hosted the Circuit welcome for Deacon Stephen Roe, and it gave much joy to see the centre full of worshipers again.

Jackie, our long suffering church administrator, decided to retire, but we were thrilled to welcome Maggie as a replacement administrator. Maggie has fitted in well, despite all the challenges that we continue to throw at her, and we look forward to working with her for many years to come.

The community at St Tim's continued to meet a couple of times a month, and were pleased to re-launch Tiny Tots in the autumn, along with St Pauls.

Nathalie Marshall and John Davidson

Diocesan Synod annual report

The Diocesan Synod, which is the primary, elected representative body drawn from across the Diocese of Bristol, met four times in 2021: in March, June and then following the elections for a new Synod in September and November. As well as hearing about and discussing a wide range of areas of the Church's work, it helps formulate and approve policy and the diocesan budget and debates important local and national issues affecting the Church.

Transforming Church Together

A large part of the Synods work during 2021 was focussed on Transforming Church Together. In March the Synod took part in the consultation and engagement process that took place right across the Diocese. At its June meeting the early findings of that consultation process were shared with the Synod and members had the opportunity to reflect on these, feeding back their ideas which led into the development of the Vision, Purpose and Values. In November the Archdeacons led an activity introducing the Synod to the emerging strategic priorities.

Diocesan finances

The Synod's role approving the financial plans of the Diocesan Board of Finance was part of both the June and November meetings. In June Andrew Lucas, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, presented the 2020 Annual Report and Financial Statements and updated the Synod about the performance of the organisation in strategic as well as financial terms.

In November, he presented the 2022 Budget for approval and Synod members participated in round table discussions to follow up any clarifying points and share views on the proposed budget.

Andrew reflected on the impact of the pandemic on the DBF's finances, long-term issues of affordability for the Diocese, the future impact of the new strategy and the strength of the DBF's balance sheet.

He also highlighted the tension between the desire to balance the budget and the need to invest in future ministry, with a large part of the projected deficit of £681k in 2022 being due our continuing commitment to investing in future ministry. With prayerful consideration, the Synod approved budgeted expenditure of £9.712m in 2022.

Other reports and discussions included:

The **Annual Safeguarding Report** in June, presented by Andy Wills, Independent Chair who spoke to synod about the considerable developments by the National Safeguarding Team following the publication of the report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), and media attention on a number of issues.

As the **Creating Connections** strategy came to the end of its active period during the year and the Synod heard reports from some of the initiatives and projects which had been started to support it.

Bishop Lee recapped that **investing in curacies** was one of the main strategic choices under Creating Connections, which committed the Diocese to growing vocations to ordained ministry by 50%. This was in line with a national Church of England initiative in the light of the gap between ordinations and retirements. A 50% increase would largely meet overall stipendiary clergy deployment plans nationwide. The Synod heard from Liz Townend (Diocesan Director of Education), who gave a presentation on education work in the Diocese and specifically the growth of **new church schools**.

Two years after Diocesan Synod declared a climate emergency in November 2019, Clare Fussell (Diocesan Environmental Officer) gave an update report to Diocesan Synod members on progress

Diocesan Secretary

Report from Swindon Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod has met quarterly over the past year, sometimes virtually and in person when possible. In May we focused on post-covid recovery and identified 5 areas where coordination across the Deanery could be helpful. They were live-streaming services, children's work, schools' work, re engaging with people we lost touch with and outreach and pastoral care. In July we discussed racial justice and experienced part of a liturgy from another culture as well images and music. Other topics of concern we have explored over the past year have been Eco Church, Living in Love and Faith and Transforming Church Together.

Jenny Poole, Lay Representative

North Wiltshire Circuit report of 2021 for the Dorcan Church

March saw Rev. Andrew Wigley's last circuit meeting before he went on sabbatical in May and then left the circuit. Nigel Tucker also came to the end of his time as Senior Circuit Steward, and Lynda Thompson stepped into his shoes. Mark Barrett announced his retirement in Summer 2022, and the decision was taken for David

Gray to replace him as Superintendent at this time. This arrangement should allow for a smooth handover. In the meantime, the Circuit Invitation Committee has been formed to arrange for a replacement for Mark. A probationer minister has been requested, (and was appointed early in 2022). We welcomed Stephen Roe to the circuit in September.

Wroughton Church was closed, and moves have started to maximise income and sell the building. Sherston and Luckington joined due to low membership, and are now a class of Sheldon Road Methodists (Chippenham). Ramsbury Church building was finally sold, and a process of rationalisation of manse buildings across the circuit was started.

At Connexion level, God In Love Unites Us was passed at synod, meaning that Methodist Churches and Ministers can now register to officiate at same sex unions. (This does not affect Dorcan since the building is an Anglican owned building.) The decision was taken for Circuit Stewards to attend Church Councils across the circuit, including Dorcan ECC.

We thank God that we can have input from and to the Methodist Circuit.

Nathalie Marshall

Bristol Methodist District

The Autumn District Synod was held, as usual, at Kingswood School, Bath. The usual formalities and administrative matters were dealt with, such as the welcome of new ministers to the District and the appointment of a new Synod Secretary, Hanna Bevan. The main theme of the Synod was 'The Earth is the Lord's', and we were led by Revd Dr Mike Perry of environmental Christian charity A Rocha in a consideration of the theological basis for creation care. He also described the Eco Church project, overseen by A Rocha, which is a practical way for churches to show their care for creation and challenge themselves to do better, and which we are pursuing here at Dorcan. Jane Stacey from Victoria Methodist Church in Bristol described that church's journey towards a Silver Eco Church award and John White from the Hazelnut Community Farm project in Bristol described a pioneering way of being church through growing and

tending a community garden. The Synod then debated and adopted the District Environmental Policy.

The Spring Synod was due to be held in Weston-Super-Mare, but due to rising levels of Covid infections a decision was taken to switch to an on-line 'Zoom' meeting. Appropriately, as the Synod took place in early April and the war in Ukraine was uppermost in many of our thoughts, the theme of the Synod was 'Put Peace into each other's Hands', with the main presentation being from Revd Dr Jonathan Pye, the District Chair, on the theory of 'Just War', and how it might apply in the current situation. We missed being together physically, but meeting electronically saved a lot of time and expense.

In common with all the other Districts across the Connexion, The Bristol Methodist District is taking part in discussions with neighbouring Districts about the creation of a South-West Regional Group, focussing on the support of Ministers, Lay Office-holders, Circuits and Local Churches, and the implementation of Connexional strategies. These discussions are expected to go on for approximately the next three years, when a report will be presented to Conference. It remains to be seen what effect these discussions will have on Local Churches.

Stephen Roe

Safeguarding Report

The past year has been a strange one for all of us with the continuing restrictions of the pandemic and we are slowly beginning to re-establish some activities and start up some new ones. Our current number of volunteers is 50, all of whom have been safely recruited and have received safeguarding training. The new National Safeguarding Training has been introduced by the Anglican Church which is much more challenging and comprehensive than the old system. The DBS check requirement has just changed from every 5 years to every 3 years and after the initial safeguarding training, there is a requirement to attend refresher courses every 3 years so our team is kept busy.

It is everyone's responsibility in the church to look after each other, and if there are any concerns, please bring them to the attention of our team.

Jenny Poole – Safe Recruitment and Concerns

Sue Morgans – DBS checks

Dianne Lane – Training

Jenny Poole

CHARITY TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Dorcan Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between The Church of England and The Methodist Church, serving the Swindon urban villages of Covingham, Nythe, Liden & Eldene. The partnership includes the congregations worshipping at St Paul's, Covingham and St Timothy's, Liden. The Church continues to advance the Christian faith across the locality, both as a worshipping community but also as a serving community.

2021 continued the challenges of 2020. Where we ended the previous year looking forward in hope to a better year, in many ways we were disappointed, with continued waves of Covid, restrictions and lockdowns. Masks became normal, and we became used to catching the smile in someone's eyes not in their mouths. We continued to long to spend time together, to eat and drink together, to hug one another. Brief interludes of seeming normality seemed to tease us and then crash us down again.

The church continued to have to adapt to new ways of worshipping, combining face to face with live streaming, and despite everything has continued in care and connection with each other and the wider community. Thankful for business interruption grants, furlough payments, and church members generosity continuing, the finance committee have worked hard to ensure that the books have remained balanced. We continue to serve a faithful God! Once we were able to meet again, a small number of children and young people were able to restart meeting, and rekindle the relationships that so suffered through lockdown. Near the end of the year messy church restarted much to the joy of many local families.

Grateful for the internet to maintain connections without physical presence, we continued to navigate livestreaming and recording and publishing services, complete with the restrictions on recorded media that this brought. We badly missed our musicians, but were grateful for recordings made available on the internet that we could share.

Where we were able to meet, we weren't able to share refreshments until nearing the end of the year, and even then many were nervous.

Lettings started to pick back up in the Autumn, and it was wonderful to be able to share our building with our community again. The rental income was also important to pick back up where the furlough payments and Covid grants had left off.

Pastoral care isn't easy over zoom, but we have continued to keep in touch, and meet where we could. Once buildings started to reopen, we needed the support of a large team for risk assessments, cleaning, moving chairs around and ensuring proper ventilation in the buildings to reduce risks. We re started singing together, but kept our masks on to protect the vulnerable, and moved to sharing communion by intinction.

We were sad when the time came to say farewell to 'Rev Andrew' our Methodist Minister for ten years. Andrew is missed by the Church, but we have been pleased to welcome Deacon Stephen Roe and his wife, Angela, Stephen coming to us in place of Andrew. Stephen has a different calling and gifting to Andrew, so the church has had to shift gears somewhat to adapt. We have also welcomed a number of visiting Methodist Presbyters, and Anglican Ministers, to lead us in worship while Trudie and Andrew were away on sabbatical, and to help fulfil the sacramental requirements of the church. Before he left, Andrew worked hard to redefine roles of various positions including Church Warden and Senior Steward, and we are grateful that these newly defined roles, and Stephen's wider links across the Methodist Diaconate, have enabled us to strengthen our relationship with the wider Methodist Church, as we continue to discern our calling as single congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership, and the struggles and joys within that position.

The past 2 years have not been easy, and as we emerge from the pandemic we have to discern the way forward with less resources, but we recognise God's grace leading us through thus far, and trust that the way forward will be clear, step by step. Onwards, to 2022, in the light of Christ.

Nathalie Marshall (Senior Steward)

Fabric Report

2021 continued to provide us with Covid related challenges, and our buildings also challenge us, as we try to maintain them in a fit and proper state, financed by letting income, which we are trying to get back to pre-Pandemic levels.

St Pauls saw Covingham Library sadly depart in 2020, and the room has now been transformed, with new flooring, and Led Lighting, and is proving to be a popular lettable space, used by several groups, including Covingham Parish Council, dancing and craft groups, and Cid's Café. The rest of the centre is also seeing increased use, and we are grateful to those who voluntarily assist, with ongoing maintenance inside and out, church volunteers and external groups like Good Gym, and with opening and closing after parties.

We had a fairly satisfactory Archdeacons Triennial Visitation in August 2021, and the Archdeacon was very complimentary, but a fact of life is that our buildings, always seem to be in need of some attention, and we are aware that the roof at St Paul's will need attention soon, and at St Timothy's the boiler showing its age, as is the flat roof over the vestibule.

John Davidson

Financial Report for 2021

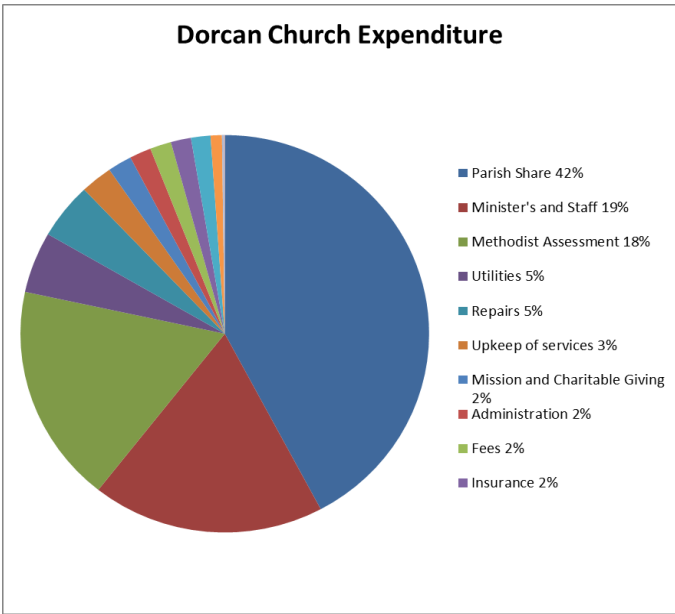
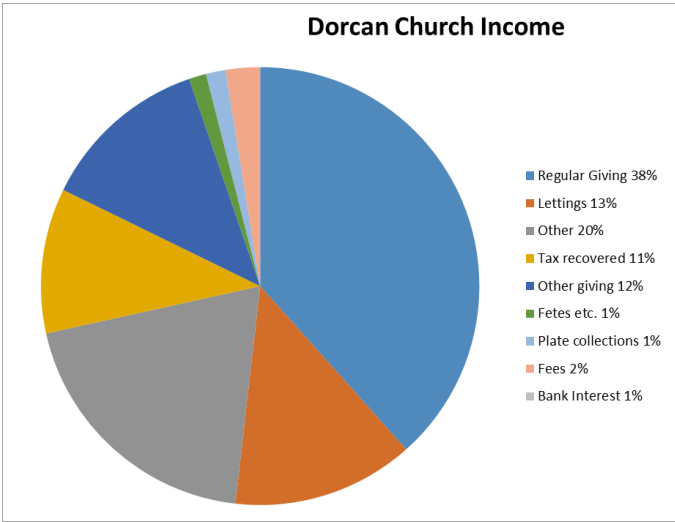
As we slowly came out of the Covid restrictions of 2020 we were still unsure of how our budget would stand up. Our budget forecast for day to day running was for a deficit of £7.7K. Fortunately we were eligible for some of the Government's support grants totalling £22,372 which helped to replace our lost income. Eventually we had a surplus of £5.2K which enabled us to put something into the Maintenance Fund against future repairs. We have been able to continue to repay the loans we took out for St. Paul's boiler replacement.

Gift aid continues to be claimed quarterly which maintains our cash flow such that both our Parish Share and Methodist Assessment have been paid as they became due. We continue with the Parish Giving Scheme whereby members can donate by direct debit. Donations and Tax recoverable from Gift Aid are received monthly reducing the work of the Treasurer and improving further our cash flow. However our regular giving has seen a reduction of just over £1K.

Church Fabric.

In order to facilitate the work of the Church it is important that we maintain the fabric of both St. Timothy's and St. Paul's Church and Community Centre. Both are important to our work while bringing financial challenges. The Old Library Room has been converted into a Small Hall and we replaced the fifty year old carpet with laminate flooring and repainted the walls.

Income		Expenditure	
Regular Giving	51,479	Parish Share	51,000
Grants	22,372	Repairs	5,524
Lettings	17,975	Minister's and Staff	22,234
Tax recovered	14,361	Methodist Assessment	21,460
Other giving	16,771	Utilities	5,998
Plate collections	1,941	Mission and Charitable Giving	2,308
Fees	3,391	Maintenance	184
Other	4,074	Administration	2,068
Bank Interest	3	Upkeep of services	3,053
Fetes etc.	1,704	Fees	2,030
		Insurance	1,933
		Cost of events	1,859
		Council Tax	1,075
		Stewardship Campaign	82
Totals	134,072		120,808



Tony Prichard & John Davidson
Finance Committee



2021

The Dorcan Church

2021 Accounts



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



The **Methodist** Church

Tony Prichard

Treasurer

December 2021

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Accounting policies

Going concern accounting policy

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. However, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is likely to have a profound impact on the global economy, and may in turn affect the charity. The trustees have considered the impact of this issue on the Dorcan Church's current and future financial position. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £30,000, designated reserves that can be drawn down if necessary and a zero cash balance. The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102 SORP 2015).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the ECC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The Receipts and Payments method has been used to present the accounts.

Related Parties Transactions.

- Trustees' remuneration and benefits. During the year no trustee received any remuneration or benefit.
- Trustees' expenses. During the year trustees received expenses directly attributed to their agreed working expenses including but not restricted to: Telephone, travel, purchase of materials wholly and necessary to the running of the charity.

Fund accounting

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the ECC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted Funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific ECC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted Funds are income funds, which are to be spent on the ECC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the ECC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the ECC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the ECC will move any surplus to other general funds.



Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the ECC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the ECC. The Diocesan parish share and the Methodist quota are expected to be paid over and is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Reserves

Approximately three months operating costs above our normal turnover are held in the general account as a reserve. At the moment this amounts to £30,000.

Fixed assets

Consecrated, benefice and circuit property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s10 (2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the ministers and churchwardens/stewards on special trust for the ECC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis of 20% over five years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

There are no investments to be valued at 31 December.

Funds

General Fund

The General Fund represents the amounts available to the ECC to meet its ongoing obligations, based on the assumption that restricted funds are not available for general use. The ECC aims to hold several months operating costs in general funds. At 31st December 2021 the balance represents around three months' costs.

Mission Fund

To be distributed at the discretion of the ECC

Holiday Club Fund

For the provision of a children's Holiday Club.



Parish Weekend Fund

To assist those of limited means to attend Parish Weekends.

Centre Maintenance Fund.

A fund derived from 25% of the surplus from letting fees for the maintenance of the two centres

St. Paul's Fabric Fund

The Balance of the Dorcan Church share of the proceeds from the sale of the vicarage. To be used for major repairs at the discretion of the ECC.

Tiny Tot's (St. Paul's)

Funds held for St. Paul's Tiny Tots to be used at their direction

Tiny Tot's (St. Tim's)

Funds held for St. Tim's Tiny Tots to be used at their direction

Card Class

Funds raised by the Card Class to be used at their direction.

Monday Cell Group

Funds held on behalf of the Monday Cell Group to be used at their discretion.

Uganda Link

Used to finance activities connected with the Diocesan Uganda Link.

Thursday Football

Funds held for the Thursday Football Group. To be used at their discretion

Youth Club

Funds held for the church Youth Club to be used at their discretion

Carl Gase Legacy Fund

Fund from the estate of the late Carl Gase.

Agency Collections

Funds collected on behalf of another charity or organisation, which do not form part of the income of the Dorcan Church.

Various collections are held on behalf of other organisations and these are paid over as soon as practical.

Comment

2021 has been a year of challenges with the loss of a substantial amount of rental income due to Covid-19 restrictions. The Library room has been re-decorated and renamed The Small Hall. Lettings for this room have increased over the year. The ongoing loyalty of our congregation in continuing with their offering despite not meeting has been greatly appreciated. Despite the challenges we have ended the year within our expected budget.



Building on recent year's financial work we have been able to continue working to a budget. This has made the work of the Finance Committee a lot easier as we are able to monitor progress throughout the year.

Gift aid continues to be claimed quarterly which maintains our cash flow such that both our Parish Share and Methodist Assessment have been paid as they became due. We continue with the Parish Giving Scheme whereby members can donate by direct debit. Donations and Tax recoverable from Gift Aid are received monthly reducing the work of the Treasurer and improving further our cash flow.

Considerable Grant aid and Furlough payments have helped to maintain our balances.

Church Fabric

In order to facilitate the work of the Church it is important that we maintain the fabric of both St. Timothy's and St. Paul's Church and Community Centre. Both are important to our work while bringing financial challenges.

This year at St. Paul's we have replaced the Small Hall lighting with LED units.

The Future

In 2022 there are a number of challenges in the maintenance of the building with the possibility of some remedial work to St. Paul's roof box gutters. A number of items at St. Timothy's will require addressing although lettings have virtually dried up.

Statement of Financial Activities

Income and Endowments from:	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	107,264	-	366	107,630	118,570
Income from charitable activities	3,394	-	66	3,460	2,972
Other trading activities	20,569	-	-	20,569	20,627
Investments	3	-	-	3	188
Other income	1,842	-	95	1,937	17,473
Total Income	133,072	-	527	133,599	159,830
Expenditure on :					
Raising funds	307	-	-	307	406
Expenditure on charitable activities	124,502	-	318	124,820	150,096
Other Expenditure	3,700	-	-	3,700	2,350
Total Expenditure	128,509	-	318	128,827	152,852
Transfers					
Gross Transfers Between Funds - In	-	2,500	87	2,587	14,215
Gross Transfers Between Funds - Out	(2,500)	-	(87)	(2,587)	(14,215)
	(2,500)	2,500	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	2,063	2,500	209	4,772	6,978

Receipts and Payments Account

Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Income from Donations and Legacies					
Gift Aid - Bank - SO St. Paul's	39,559	-	-	39,559	36,525
Gift Aid - Bank - SO St. Tim's	6,975	-	-	6,975	11,330
Gift Aid - Envelopes - St. Paul's	2,417	-	-	2,417	4,157
Gift Aid - Envelopes - St. Tim's	1,450	-	-	1,450	816
Other planned giving - St. Paul's	12,518	-	-	12,518	11,933
Other planned giving - St. Tim's	1,078	-	-	1,078	540
Plate collections - St. Paul's	1,255	-	-	1,255	1,127
Plate collections - St. Timothy's	540	-	146	686	656
Regular gift days	3,610	-	-	3,610	5,840
Giving through church boxes	4	-	-	4	-
One-off Gift Aid gifts	2	-	-	2	20
Donations appeals etc	424	-	147	571	2,955
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	14,361	-	-	14,361	18,903
Legacies	-	-	-	-	188
Non-recurring one-off grants	22,372	-	-	22,372	22,551
Other funds generated	699	-	73	772	1,029
	107,264	-	366	107,630	118,570
Income from Charitable Activities					
Youth Club	-	-	66	66	238
Fees for weddings, funerals etc.	3,391	-	-	3,391	2,620
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	3	-	-	3	-
Church hall lettings - objectives	-	-	-	-	-
Church hall lettings-objectives - St.T	-	-	-	-	114
	3,394	-	66	3,460	2,972
Other Trading Activities					
Fetes, Bazaars and Rummage sales etc.	1,705	-	-	1,705	110
Bookstall Sales - Fund raising	988	-	-	988	21
Church hall lettings-fund raising - St. P	17,876	-	-	17,876	20,496
	-	-	-	-	-



	<u><u>20,569</u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u>20,569</u></u>	<u><u>20,627</u></u>
Investments					
Bank and building society interest	3	-	-	3	188
	<u><u>3</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>3</u></u>	<u><u>188</u></u>
Other Income					
Income for events	1,842	-	95	1,937	2,473
Loans	-	-	-	-	15,000
	<u><u>1,842</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>95</u></u>	<u><u>1,937</u></u>	<u><u>17,473</u></u>
Total Income	<u><u>133,072</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>527</u></u>	<u><u>133,599</u></u>	<u><u>159,830</u></u>

Receipts and Payments Account

Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on Stewardship and Fund Raising					
Costs of stewardship campaign	82	-	-	82	81
Costs of fetes & other events	225	-	-	225	325
	307	-	-	307	406
Expenditure on Charitable Activities					
Event Expenses	1,859	-	-	1,859	342
Mission & Evangelism	539	-	207	746	2,268
Nominated Charities	1,300	-	-	1,300	826
Secular charities	-	-	-	-	100
Pass through donations	-	-	-	-	2,539
Fees due to Diocesan Board of Finance	2,030	-	-	2,030	2,087
Ministry parish share etc	51,000	-	-	51,000	51,000
Methodist Assessment	21,460	-	-	21,460	21,260
Assistant staff costs	46	-	-	46	466
Staff wages	21,507	-	-	21,507	23,451
Working expenses of ministers	681	-	-	681	775
Council tax	1,075	-	-	1,075	482
Water rates - St. Paul's	179	-	-	179	687
Vicar's telephone	140	-	-	140	431
Training	-	-	-	-	72
Church running - insurance - St.P	1,525	-	-	1,525	1,479
Church Running - Insurance - St.T	408	-	-	408	439
Church office - telephone	513	-	-	513	504
Organ / piano tuning	144	-	-	144	-
Church maintenance - St. Paul's	33	-	-	33	-
Church Maintenance - St. Tim's	7	-	-	7	-
Upkeep of services-Adult	2,464	-	-	2,464	1,752
Upkeep of services - Children & Youth	269	-	-	269	417
Messy Church	169	-	-	169	154



Spark	10	-	-	10	53
Youth Club	-	-	111	111	49
Ignite	10	-	-	10	22
Blaze (Vybe)	19	-	-	19	127
Administration	2,068	-	-	2,068	2,667
Hospitality - Visiting speakers / Locums	109	-	-	109	-
Church Family - Acts of Kindness	263	-	-	263	1,256
Church running - Electric - ST.P	248	-	-	248	360
Church running - Electricity - ST.T	319	-	-	319	366
Church running - gas - ST.P	365	-	-	365	245
Church running - gas ST.T	571	-	-	571	959
Hall running - electric - St. Pauls	1,406	-	-	1,406	2,038
Hall running - gas - St. P	2,069	-	-	2,069	1,385
Hall running - maintenance - ST.P	4,736	-	-	4,736	3,703
Hall running - Maintenance - ST.T	787	-	-	787	371
Hall running - telephone	189	-	-	189	261
Hall + major repairs - installation SP	3,985	-	-	3,985	24,703
	<u>124,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>124,820</u>	<u>150,096</u>
Other Expenditure					
Loan repayments	3,700	-	-	3,700	2,350
	<u>3,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>2,350</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>128,509</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>128,827</u>	<u>152,852</u>
Excess of Income v Expenditure	<u>4,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>4,772</u>	<u>6,978</u>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank and In Hand					
Bank Current Account - Co-operative Bank					
General Fund	18,087	-	-	18,087	18,546
Tiny Tots - St.Paul's	-	-	175	175	-
Youth Club	-	-	480	480	40
Tiny Tots - St. Tim's	-	-	50	50	-
Uganda Link	-	-	143	143	-
Thursday Football	-	-	307	307	212
Mission Fund	-	500	-	500	-
Centre Maintenance	-	5,650	-	5,650	3,150
Carl Gase Legacy Fund	-	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Card Class	-	-	173	173	-
Monday Cell Group	-	-	117	117	-
Holiday Club	-	-	536	536	-
Parish Weekend	-	-	499	499	-
	18,087	16,150	2,480	36,717	31,948
Bank Deposit Account - Methodist CFB					
General fund	31,200	-	-	31,200	28,678
Tiny Tots - St. Paul's	-	-	-	-	87
Tiny Tots - St. Tim's	-	-	-	-	50
Youth Club	-	-	-	-	485
Mission Fund	-	-	-	-	500
Uganda Link	-	-	-	-	143
Holiday Club	-	-	-	-	448
Parish Weekend	-	-	-	-	499
Card Class	-	-	-	-	100
Monday Cell Goup	-	-	-	-	207
	31,200	-	-	31,200	31,197
Total Cash at Bank and In Hand	49,287	16,150		67,917	



2,480

63,145

Fixed Assets

Photocopier (Written down to zero)

-

-

-

-

-

-

-

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-

-

Debtors (Footnotes)

Accounts Receivable

General Fund

2,772

-

-

2,772

2,751

2,772

-

-

2,772

2,751

Creditors (Footnotes)

Accounts Payable

General Fund

11,160

-

-

11,160

14,103

11,160

-

-

11,160

14,103

Centre Accounts

St. Paul's Centre	2021	2020
	£	£
Income		
Church Hall - Fund raising - St. Paul's	17,876	20,496
	17,876	20,496
Expenditure		
Staff Wages (80%)	17,206	13,059
Council Tax	1,075	482
Water Rates - St. Paul's	179	687
Hall Running - electric - St. Paul's	1,406	2,038
Hall Running - gas - St. Paul's	2,069	1,386
Hall Running - maintenance - St. Paul's	4,736	3,704
Hall Running - telephone	189	261
Administration (80%)	1,654	2,133
	28,514	23,750
Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure	(10,638)	(3,254)

St Tim's

Income

Church hall lettings- objectives - St. Tim's	-	114
	-	114

Expenditure

Staff Wages (20%)	4,301	3,264
Church maintenance - St. Tim's	7	-
Church running - Electricity - St. Tim's	319	366
Church running - Gas - St. Tim's	571	959
Hall running - maintenance - St. Tim's	787	371
Administration (20%)	414	533
	6,399	5,493

Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure	(6,399)	(5,379)
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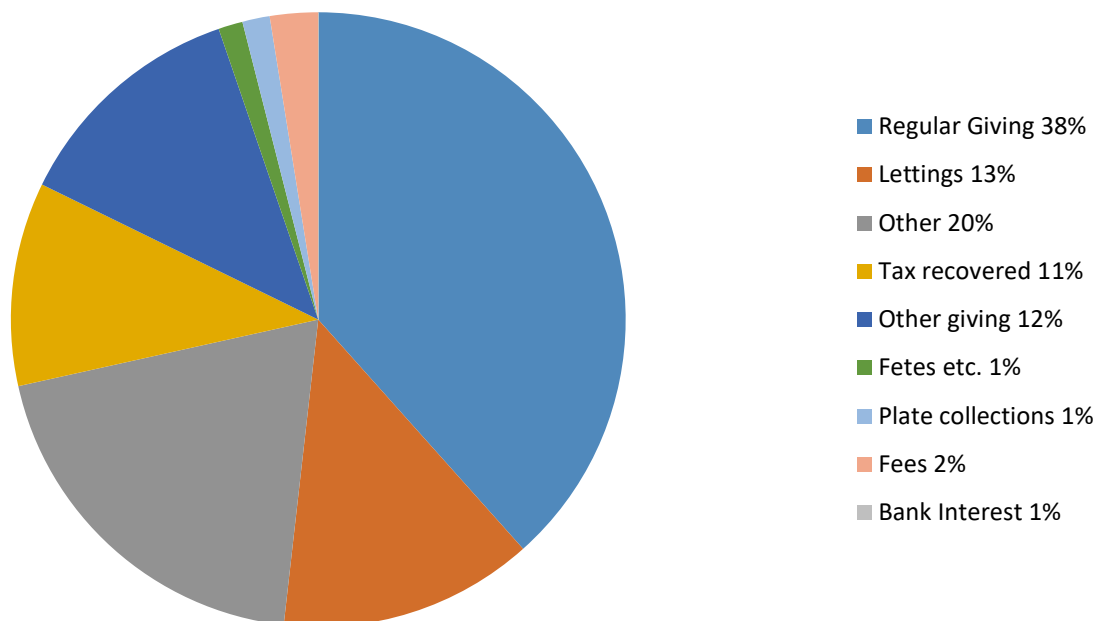
	2021 £	2020 £
Debtors at 31st. December 2021		
Hall rents - December	459	-
HMRC - Gift Aid Tax recovered Q4 2021	2,048	2,749
Bristolian Productions	225	-
British Gas - Electricity (St. Tim's) - credit	-	2
SumUp (Card machine)	40	-
	2,772	2,751

Creditors at 31st. December 2021

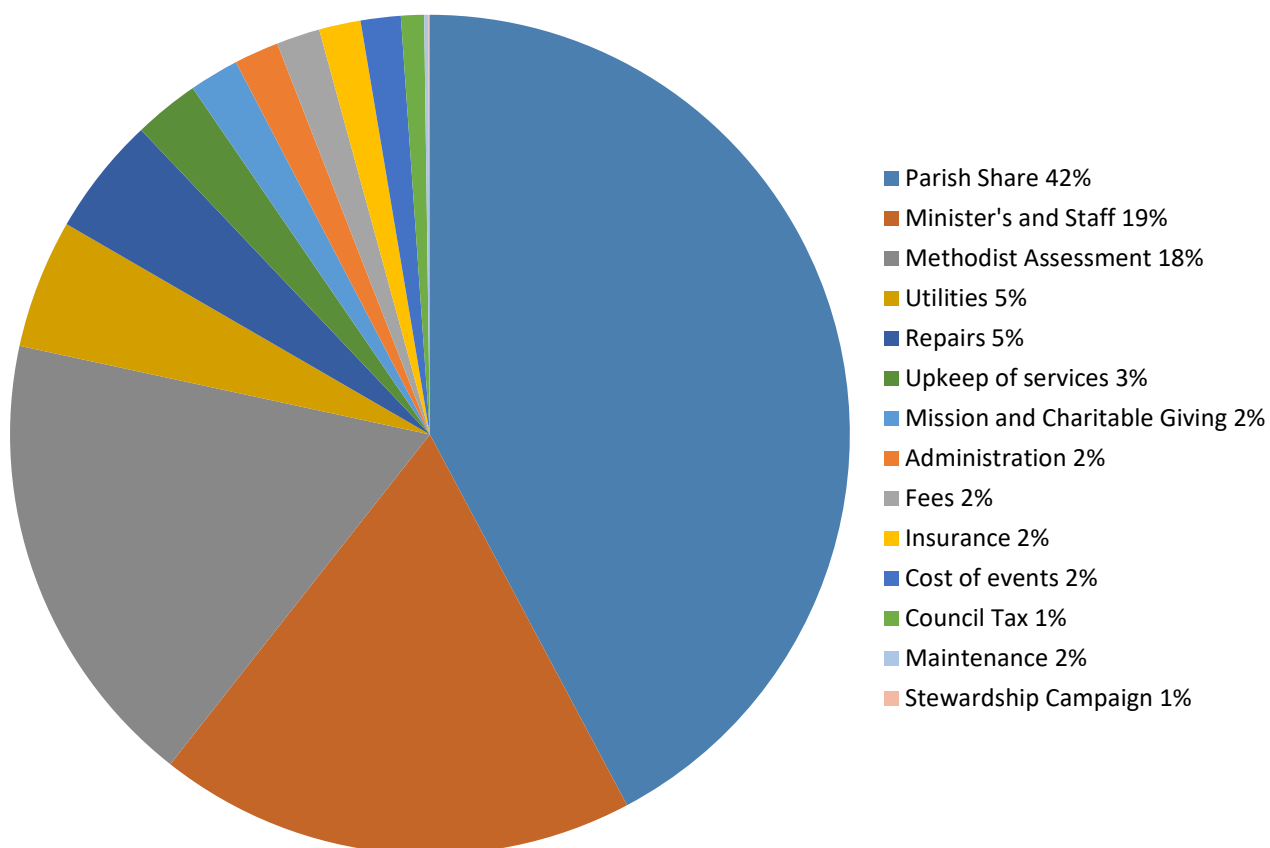
Diocese of Bristol Loan	5,000	6,000
North Wilts Methodist Circuit Loan	3,950	6,650
Renelec-Hennion	-	162
Hills Waste	127	64
Daisy Communications - Dec. Mobile phones	27	19
Daisy Communications - Dec. Broadband	45	41
Children's Society	100	-
Action for Children – Formerly NCH	100	-
British Gas – Electricity (St. Paul's)	266	165
British Gas – Gas (St. Paul's)	570	554
British Gas - Gas (St. Tim's)	76	133
British Gas - Electricity (St. Tim's)	33	-
Staff back pay for 2020	-	8
Clare Can Do It - Dec cleaning	350	-
Wilts Historic Churches Trust-Ride & Stride	309	-
Advance Hall Bookings	105	307
Rev. T. Wigley Expenses	102	-
	11,160	14,103

Charts

Dorcan Church Income



Dorcan Church Expenditure



Examiner's report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES/MEMBERS OF DORCAN ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council (the ECC) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the ECC 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 ECC'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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any respect :

accounting records were not kept in respect of the ECC as required by section 130 of the Act ; or

the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

P J Crowley FCA
Derrick Newman Limited
Chartered Accountants
29 Bath Road
Swindon
SN1 4AS

Date



DORCAN ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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