

The Parish of Lancing with Coombes Parochial Church Council

Annual Report and Financial Statements 2024

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Parochial Church Council of Lancing with Coombes

Annual Report for 2024

Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Lancing with Coombes is a registered charity with the Charity Commission (number 1145807). Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2022. The Parish is part of the Diocese of Chichester and the Deanery of Worthing within the Church of England.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC):

Ex-officio Members:

Father Felix Smith (Chairman and Parish Priest)

Father Ian Edgar (Associate Vicar) Resigned August 2024

Father Ben Scott (Assistant Curate)

Mr Peter Bowers (Churchwarden) Until 2025

Mr Roger Frewin (Churchwarden) Until 2025

Miss Jacqueline Harwood (Deanery Synod Representative) Until 2026

Mrs Pamela Durrant (Deanery Synod Representative) Until 2026

Elected Members:

Mrs Amanda Hughes (PCC Secretary and Treasurer)

Mrs Margaret Cooper

Mrs Carol Packham

Mrs Sue Holland

Dr David Starbuck

Mrs Doreen Bashford

Mrs Wendy Bowers

Mr Richard Doran

Mrs Jenny Flake

Mrs Judith Rawlinson

Mrs Patricia Phillips (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Co-opted Members:

None

Standing Committee:

Father Felix Smith (Chairman)

Father Ben Scott

Mr Peter Bowers (Churchwarden)

Mr Roger Frewin (Churchwarden)

Mrs Amanda Hughes (PCC Secretary and Treasurer)

Mrs Judith Rawlinson

Mrs Jennifer Flake

Structure, Governance and Management

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

Our aims and purposes as a charity:

Lancing with Coombes Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar, Fr Felix Smith, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St James the Less Church and Coombes Church both Grade 1 listed buildings.

What we planned to do to achieve our objectives:

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Lancing with Coombes. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charities Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small group situations
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish
- Giving grants to missionary organisations
- Reaching out to the unchurched through provision of the village fete and offering food and fun at Harvest
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the village.

Achievements and performance

Church attendance

On 31 December 2024 there were 103 names on the church electoral roll, 59 of which are of people resident within the parish. Two names were removed during the year. The average Sunday attendance was 45 adults and 1 child at St James and 6 Adults and 3 Children at Coombes. (based on October attendance figures).

Deaths 2024

From the Electoral Roll, the PCC was sad to say goodbye to Elizabeth (Betty) Woods,

Review of the Year

Father Ian Edgar, Associate Vicar left the Parish in August to take up a new post at All Saints Sidley in Bexhill, he had been on sickness leave since December 2023. During this time Lancing with Coombes have been in a process of adapting to being part of the wider Chalksprings Group of Churches and their relationship with Father Felix the Incumbent and Parish of South Lancing and Sompting has grown beneficially.

1. The PCC held six ordinary meetings during the year. During The year the Parish reviewed their Mission Action Plan (MAP) which has become a focus for discussion and action through the year. The sections of the MAP follow those of the Diocesan Strategy – Church Growth, Reimagining Ministry and Contributing to the Common Good.
2. Safeguarding has continued to be a permanent agenda item. We have complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. People working with children and vulnerable adults have attended online training sessions as appropriate to their roles with further support given as necessary. Safer Recruitment guidelines have been followed with recruitments to all posts either new or as roles becomes vacant.
3. Services: Regular Sunday and weekday services have been maintained. Attendance has remained constant. The number of funerals (8) remains steady. Numbers of baptisms (9) is lower than previously, and the number of weddings (1) remains low. Attendance at both Christmas and Easter was down on the previous year.

During the year we have welcomed Bishop Martin to dedicate and bless the new community space. And Archdeacon Luke to celebrate and preach, we also hosted the Worthing deanery Confirmation which Bishop Martin presided at with the Confirmation of our own candidate Jack Chandler.

We remain grateful to our retired clergy, Canon Michael Hart and Revd Gerald Kirsch, for the support they give to the licensed clergy and wider congregation through regularly leading services and preaching. The ordination of Father Ben Scott to the priesthood took place at St Saviour's, Eastbourne in June with his first Mass at St Michael's the day after.

The regular pattern of services has been maintained across the parish 10.30am Sunday Sung Parish Mass at Saint James, and second Sunday 9am Mass at Coombes. Midweek Mass on Wednesday at 11am have continued, there was a brief pause in the offering of Morning Prayer following Father Ian's Departure this now continues daily led by the laity. The Church remains open each day for private prayer and the lighting of candles.

Members of the congregation have continued to take part in the monthly Ecumenical Morning Prayer and breakfast with people from all the churches in Lancing and Sompting and hosted a prayer for unity in the week of prayer. In common with many other churches in the diocese we followed the diocesan Lent course as part of the Year of the New Testament. Ten of us went on our annual parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham.

We held, our annual Requiem Mass for All Souls in November and invited all those whose funerals had been taken by the clergy over the last year. Home Communion has been made available to housebound parishioners and those in Residential Care in the parish by the Parish Priest, Curate and Lay Ministers of Communion.

The prayer ministry team continue to co-ordinate the prayer chain for people to request prayers, the prayer tree, they organised two days of prayer and restarted the offering of prayer ministry following the Sunday Mass on selected weeks.

4. Church Growth: Our regular Coffee and Cake gathering continued to run during the building works in the Scout Hut and has since moved back to the new Community Space this welcomes over 30 people each month. Each add their own something to the social and spiritual life of the parish. We have also started a coffee morning raising money for charity approx. every six weeks and also a monthly craft morning. Promotion of all groups has been made through posters, leaflets and social media.

An Alpha course run by Marion and David Peskett, and Cathy Allen was open to everyone across the Chalksprings Churches. They all enjoyed a Holy Spirit Day at the Bishop's Palace, Chichester.

The Parish benefit from a Parish Administrator, Heather Crookes. Heather's employment assists in lifting some of the administrative burden from the clergy and helping to streamline and develop working processes and practices. Heather now oversees the management of the community space which includes overseeing bookings and invoicing for use. Heather is employed by the Parish of South Lancing and Sompting and Worthing Deanery as Parish Administrator and Deanery Development Officer. There are Service Level Agreements in place for this work.

5. Reimagining Ministry: During the Year the PCC commissioned its overdue Quinquennial Inspection which was carried out by the Architect. The development of the Community Space and Choir Vestry was the Major building work undertaken during the 2024 year. We held a launch event in August with Lady Colin Campbell. We continued to care for the Churchyards at St James and Coombes and held successful Churchyard days where volunteers helped to tidy up certain areas.

Robin Reeve received the Order of Saint Richard at Chichester Cathedral for his longstanding commitment to Coombes Church.

A stewardship campaign was launched with presentations given by the Treasurer from St Micheals. Responses were received from 23 of those who received information packs. Whilst the campaign was successful in encouraging existing givers on the Parish Giving Scheme to review their giving and did result in some new joiners to the Parish Giving Scheme, it wasn't totally successful in encouraging those who are regular attenders but currently giving using the contactless card machine or using gift aid envelopes to convert to using the Parish Giving Scheme. Contactless giving devices are available at St James and alternative ways of giving have been explored at Coombes. Both churches have online giving sites.

6. Contributing to the Common Good: Our Charitable giving in 2024 was £1144 raised through individual donations, and collections at service including the Christingle Services. Some incidental support for other charities including Turning Tides and Lancing and Sompting Churches Foodbank.

We have continued links with schools in the parish. Father Ben is Chair of Governors at The Globe Primary School. The Globe Primary held their Christmas Carol Service at St James. In his capacity as Rural Dean, Fr Felix is also a Governor of St Andrew's CE High School, Worthing and is Vice Chair of a School in South Lancing Parish. We welcomed classes for visits from North Lancing and The Globe and the former once again held Carol Services in Church.

Since August and the Opening of the Community has been marketed as a venue for community groups but usage hasn't taken off yet. We also Launched the Friends of St James the Less.

The Lancing Parochial Charities of which the Vicar, Churchwardens and two local councillors are the trustees supported one family during the year.

We held a Christmas Fayre and welcomed Matthew English a local violinist, which attracted many people and raised money for Church Funds. Along with Carols at the Lychgate, Lessons and Carols at both St James and Coombes were once again hugely popular.

Financial Review

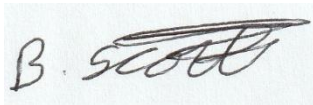
1. The total receipts on general unrestricted funds received was £166,169, restricted funds of £732 – a total received of £166,901 across the parish. We had unrestricted payments of £361,866, leaving a total surplus of 178,910

2. We continue to offer a range of opportunities for members of the congregation and visitors to support the work and ministry of the church financially. Gift Aid envelopes are made available for tax-paying visitors and worshippers not currently part of a regular giving scheme. Membership (individual and joint) of the Parish Giving Scheme, which offers the opportunity to give by direct debit with gift aid (if relevant) being added and an optional yearly inflationary increase, is at 3%. Contactless giving devices and online giving opportunities are also available for donors and are being well used.

3. The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of ££48,900 paid to the Diocese to cover ministry costs. The Parish Share covers the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy together with a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds.

Reserves Policy

1. It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds which equates to approximately 3 months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen circumstances.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'B. Scott', is written on a light blue rectangular background.

Signed by Father Ben Smith (29th March 2025)

Annual Financial Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Lancing with Coombes

Lancing with Coombes

St James the Less Church, Manor Road, Lancing BN15 0EY

Coombes Church, Church Farm, Coombes, BN15 0RS

Registered Charity no. 1145807

For the year ended 31st December 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

The financial effect of our activities during the year can be summarised as follows

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	156,035	-	156,035	61,422	
Charitable activities	1,644	-	1,644	2,957	
Other trading activities	2,107	-	2,107	15,620	
Investments	6,383	732	7,115	11,891	
Other Income	-	-	-	616,220	
Total income	166,169	732	166,901	708,109	2
Expenditure on:			-		
Raising funds	2,265	-	2,265	3,245	
Charitable activities	100,083	-	100,083	77,005	
Other trading activities	259,251	-	259,251	13,822	
Other	267	-	267	28,706	
Total expenditure	361,866	-	361,866	122,778	3
Net gains (or losses) on investments	16,055	-	16,055	-	
Net income or (net expenditure)	(179,642)	732	(178,910)	585,332	
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	
	(179,642)	732	(178,910)	585,332	
Other recognised gains/(losses):			-		
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>					
Net movement in funds	(179,642)	732	(178,910)	585,332	
Total funds brought forward	857,772	-	857,772	272,440	
Total funds carried forward	678,130	732	678,862	857,772	

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Balance Sheet

Our financial position and summary of funds at the year end were

	Total Funds 2024	<i>Total Funds 2023</i>	Notes
	£	£	
Intangible assets	-	-	
Tangible assets	152,664	152,664	11
Heritage assets	-	-	
Endowed investments	-	-	
Total fixed assets	152,664	152,664	
Stocks	-	-	
Debtors	10,617	9,885	12
Investments	482,328	11,273	11
Cash at bank and in hand	34,858	685,123	
Total current assets	527,803	706,281	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(1,605)	(1,173)	12
Net current assets or (liabilities)	526,198	705,108	
Total assets less current liabilities	678,862	857,772	
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-	
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	
Total net assets or (liabilities)	678,862	857,772	
The funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds	-	-	
Restricted income funds	23,167	33,708	
Unrestricted funds	655,695	824,064	
Revaluation reserve			
Total unrestricted funds	655,695	824,064	
Total charity funds	678,862	857,772	14

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2024, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by Fr Ben Scott, Assistant Curate:



Date 29th March 2025

Notes to the Financial Report

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, (SORP (FRS 102)).

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

Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds - funds for which the capital must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

Income and endowments

All income and endowments, accounted for without deduction for any costs of receivability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount accords with the Gift Aid declaration or other record of intention to donate.

Gift aid recovered is recognised when the income to which it is attached is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding, is received by the PCC.

Charitable activities

Statutory fees for weddings and funerals are recognised when the office occurs.

Other trading activities

Trading activities are where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services. Income from trading is recognised either: a - when received, or b - in the case of concerts: for the year in which the event occurs, irrespective of date of receipt. Advance bookings are included in creditors until the concert has taken place.

Rents from property are recognised in accordance with the rental agreements, when receipt is probable

Investment income

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

All other income

All other income is recognised in accordance with the above overall policy.

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Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31 December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, payment is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants

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

Church activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for on an annual basis, reflecting the allocation set by our Deanery. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the financial statements. For other property acquired prior to *(date)* there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is stated at a nominal £1 in the financial statements

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under (put in limit, say £1,000) are written off in the year they were incurred

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Land	Nil
Buildings	Nil
Fixtures and fittings	20%
Audio/visual	33%
Office equipment	25%

No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings as the useful economic life of these assets exceeds 50 years and residual values so high that potential depreciation would be immaterial. It is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. Resulting from regular impairment reviews, provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

Current Assets

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

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

Notes to the Financial Report

2 Analysis of income and endowments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	27,902	-	27,902	29,059	
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	3,534	-	3,534	2,815	
Loose cash collections	2,643	-	2,643	3,133	
Fund Raising	314	-	314	1,280	
Donations	5,124	-	5,124	8,595	
Other Special Appeals	1,144	-	1,144	-	
Gift Aid recoverable	9,553	-	9,553	9,530	
Legacies	80,000	-	80,000	5,010	
VAT recovered	25,821	-	25,821	2,000	
Donations and legacies	£156,035	-	£156,035	£61,422	
Fees for weddings & funerals	1,644	-	1,644	2,957	
Charitable activities	£1,644	-	£1,644	£2,957	
Fund Raising	1,556	-	1,556	1,896	
Christmas music concert	-	-	-	-	
Rent from letting of Parish house	-	-	-	-	
Bible study notes	-	-	-	-	
Church space hiring fees	272	-	272	12,684	
Printing/Stationary Income	279	-	279	1,040	
Bookstall sales	-	-	-	-	
Other trading activities	£2,107	-	£2,107	£15,620	
Bank & CBF deposit interest	313	527	840	944	
CBF investment fund dividend	-	205	205	202	
Rent from letting of investment property	6,070	-	6,070	10,745	
Investments	£6,383	£732	£7,115	£11,891	
Sale of Church Hall complex	-	-	-	610,557	
Other receipts	-	-	-	5,663	
Other Income	-	-	-	£616,220	
Total income and endowments on all funds	£166,169	£732	£166,901	£708,110	

Notes to the Financial Report

3 Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	<i>Total Funds 2023</i>	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Special appeals costs	-	-	-	-	
Stewardship costs	181	-	181	81	
Grants costs	-	-	-	-	
Investment management costs	1,745	-	1,745	3,119	
Other fundraising costs	339	-	339	45	
Cost of raising funds	£2,265	-	£2,265	<i>£3,245</i>	
Charitable grants and donations	1,144	-	1,144	754	4
Mission & evangelism costs	-	-	-	-	
Diocesan parish share	48,900	-	48,900	40,000	
Clergy and other people's expenses	4,704	-	4,704	7,008	
Salaries and honoraria incl NI	6,640	-	6,640	6,640	
Upkeep of services	1,870	-	1,870	1,382	
Church running costs	11,009	-	11,009	10,219	
Office Costs	7,099	-	7,099	6,854	
Church maintenance and repair	14,082	-	14,082	2,460	
Upkeep of churchyard	3,468	-	3,468	95	
Organ/Piano Tuning and Repair	1,085	-	1,085	1,518	
Financing	-	-	-	-	
Bank charges	82	-	82	75	
Governance	-	-	-	-	
Cost of charitable activities	£100,083	-	£100,083	<i>£77,005</i>	
Church centre hiring costs	-	-	-	-	
Church Hall complex running costs	220	-	220	8,269	
Church reordering costs	251,517	-	251,517	-	
Professional fees - Church reordering	7,514	-	7,514	5,378	
Other trading costs	-	-	-	175	
Cost of other trading activities	£259,251	-	£259,251	<i>£13,822</i>	
Professional fees - Church Hall complex	-	-	-	23,374	
Other Expenditure	267	-	267	5,332	
Other	£267	-	£267	<i>£28,706</i>	
Total expended on all funds	£361,866	-	£361,866	<i>£122,778</i>	

Notes to the Financial Report

4 Missionary and charitable giving

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
Home:	£	£	£	£	
<i>Childrens Society</i>	253	-	253	565	
<i>Caring & Sharing</i>	550	-	550	172	
<i>Friends of the Holy Land</i>	267		267		
<i>Lancing Food Bank</i>	74		74		
<i>Additional Curates Society</i>	-	-	-	12	
	1,144	-	1,144	749	

5 Staff costs

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
Remuneration	£	£	£	£	
<i>Wages and salaries</i>	6,640	-	6,640	6,640	
	6,640	-	6,640	6,640	

6 Payments to PCC members

Mrs A Hughes received £3,640 for her role as Office Manager and Treasurer.

7 Transactions with persons related to PCC members

There were no transactions recorded between persons related to the PCC members.

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Notes to the Financial Report

8 Fixed assets

a Investments

	<u>Unrestricted Fund</u>	<u>Restricted Fund/s</u>	<u>Total Funds 2024</u>	<u>Notes</u>
	£	£	£	
Market value 1 January 2024	11,273	-	11,273	
Disposals at carrying value	(15,000)	-	(15,000)	
Purchases at cost	470,000	-	470,000	
Net gains and revaluation	16,055	-	16,055	
Market value 31 December 2024	£482,328	-	£482,328	

During 2024 the PCC elected to remove the restriction on the CCLA deposit fund, which was originally set up by Coombes and replace this with a designated 'Property and maintenance' fund. The PCC used a proportion of the sale proceeds from the Church hall to increase the investment in the Deposit Fund by £470,000.

2024 Income reinvestment in the fund totalled £16,055 and £15,000 was withdrawn to fund church maintenance.

b Tangible fixed assets

	<u>Freehold land and buildings</u>	<u>Audio visual equipment</u>	<u>Total fixed assets</u>	<u>Notes</u>
	£	£	£	
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2024	152,664	-	152,664	
Additions	-	-	-	
Disposals	-	-	-	
Revaluation	-	-	-	
At 31 December 2024	152,664	-	152,664	
Charge for impairment				
At 1 January 2024	-	-	-	
Additions	-	-	-	
Disposals	-	-	-	
Revaluation	-	-	-	
At 31 December 2024	-	-	-	
Net book amounts				
At 31 December 2024	152,664	-	152,664	
<i>At 31 December 2023</i>	<i>152,664</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>152,664</i>	

Notes to the Financial Report

8 Fixed assets *continued*

The property at St Michael's Court, Lancing is a one bedroom self-contained flat with a detached garage. The historical cost of the property is £152,664.

9 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
St Michaels Court	152,664	-	152,664	152,664	
CCLA Deposit Fund	482,328	-	482,328	11,273	
Current assets (except cash)	-	-	-	-	
Cash at bank and on deposit	34,858	-	34,858	685,123	
Current liabilities	(1,605)	-	(1,605)	(1,173)	
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	
	£668,245	-	£668,245	£847,887	

10 Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Income tax recoverable	-	-	-	-	
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-	-	-	
Other debtors	-	10,617	10,617	9,885	
	-	£10,617	£10,617	£9,885	

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Deferred income	-	-	-	-	
Accruals for utilities and other costs	-	-	-	-	
Archdeacon's loan	-	-	-	-	
Other creditors	(1,605)	-	(1,605)	(1,173)	
	£(1,605)	-	£(1,605)	£(1,173)	

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Deferred income	-	-	-	-	
Accruals for utilities and other costs	-	-	-	-	
Archdeacon's loan	-	-	-	-	
Other creditors	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	

13 Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	61,422	-	61,422
Charitable activities	2,957	-	2,957
Other trading activities	15,620	-	15,620
Investments	11,036	855	11,891
Other receipts	616,220	-	616,220
Total income	707,255	855	708,110
Expenditure on:			-
Raising funds	3,245	-	3,245
Charitable activities	77,005	-	77,005
Other trading activities	13,822	-	13,822
Other expenditure	28,706	-	28,706
Total expenditure	122,778	-	122,778
Net gains (or losses) on investments			
Net income or (net expenditure)	584,477	855	585,332
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
	584,477	855	585,332
Other recognised gains/(losses):			
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>			
Net movement in funds	584,477	855	585,332
Total funds brought forward	272,440		272,440
Total funds carried forward	856,917	855	857,772

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14 Statement of funds

Explanation of funds

Endowed funds are required by the donors to be invested and the income spent on specific objectives

Restricted funds are not invested permanently but are to be spent within reasonable timescales

The Fabric Fund is restricted to maintenance of the church building.

The Flower Fund is restricted to the purchase of flowers for the church.

The Organ Fund is restricted to maintenance and repair of the church organ.

The Insurance Grant is restricted to significant maintenance or repair of the church buildings.

Unrestricted funds are not subject to any donor restrictions and can be spent as the PCC decides

Summary of all funds

Fund income and expenditure and final balances are as follows:

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2024	Income	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£
Grantly bequest	-	-	-	-
Fund B	-	-	-	-
Total of all endowed funds	-	-	-	-
Fabric fund	96	-	-	96
Flower und	135	-	-	135
Organ fund	2,171	-	-	2,171
Upkeep of Church	10,148	-	-	10,148
CCLA Deposit fund	11,273	-	(11,273)	-
Chichester DBF Chancel Insurance Grant	9,885	-	732	10,617
Total of all restricted funds	33,708	-	(10,541)	23,167
Designated Property and Maintenance fund	-	16,055	466,273	482,328
General fund	824,064	192,351	(843,048)	173,367
Total of all unrestricted funds	824,064	208,406	(376,775)	655,695
Total funds	£857,772	£208,406	£(387,316)	£678,862

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Lancing with Coombes for the Year Ended 31st December, 2024

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of Lancing with Coombes on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2024 set out on pages 2 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below in Section B *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the (brackets) if they do not apply

Examiner's signature



Examiner's name CAPITALS

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Date

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Section B	Disclosure
	<p>Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems <i>for example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities’ Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts;• any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity;• any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and• any material inconsistency between the accounts and the trustees’ annual report.
<p>Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose</p>	