

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
Brighton, St Peter**

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024



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BRIGHTON, ST PETER**

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

PCC Members	Revd R Barstow	Revd D Millest
	Mrs A Beal	Mrs K Millest
	Mrs C Ball	Revd H Milne
	Mr C Coates	Revd E Roe
	Mrs A Egede	Revd J Roe
	Mr M Egede	Mr J Sayers
	Revd H Garratt	Mr J Stinson
	Mrs A Green	Miss H Turpin
	Mr B Jacob	Mr P Turton
	Mr S Jefferies	Mrs P Turton
	Ms S John	Ms T Van Nierkerk
	Mr A Jones	Miss S White
	Mr T Limebear	Mr C Williams
	Mr S Luke	Mr C Willis
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PCC MEMBERS ANNUAL REPORT

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The PCC members present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 for the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Brighton, St Peter (Operating under the name of Brighton, St Peter).

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational Structure

The church is a charitable trust registered in the UK with The Charity Commission of England and Wales (registered number 1146642).

St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-ordinating with the incumbent, the Reverend Daniel Millest, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC members who served during the year were:

Mrs C Ball – appointed 13/05/24
Revd R Barstow – appointed 06/09/24
Mrs A Beal
Mrs S Brewer – resigned 13/05/24
Mr C Coates
Mrs A Egede
Mr M Egede
Mrs C Footitt – resigned 11/03/24
Revd H Garratt
Mrs A Green
Mr B Jacob
Mr S Jefferies
Ms S John
Mr A Jones
Mrs I Kent – resigned 13/05/24
Mr T Limebear
Mr S Luke
Revd D Millest
Mrs K Millest
Revd H Milne
Ms T Oyeleye -resigned 26/02/25
Revd E Roe
Revd J Roe
Mr J Sayers
Mr J Stinson
Miss H Turpin
Mr P Turton
Mrs P Turton
Ms T Van Nierkerk
Miss S White
Mr C Williams – appointed 13/05/24
Mr C Willis

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PCC Member Training

All staff, volunteers and PCC members undergo a formal recruiting and selection process, followed by an induction period that includes any training considered necessary to effectively perform their role. Senior Management of the Church consists of Clergy, whose pay is set via a stipend, the level of which is set by the Diocese, and the management team, whose pay is set by the PCC with reference to appropriate market rates.

Risk Management

The church's operations are wholly reliant upon the members of the congregation continuing to give money and time to support the church's staffing and activities. Should this funding cease the church would be unable to continue to support all its current activities and staffing levels. This risk is managed on behalf of the church by the finance committee which is chaired by Mr C Willis (Treasurer). This committee meets monthly and reviews the management accounts of the church and considers what activities and staffing the church is able to commit to and agrees the necessary remedial actions to ensure the church is able to continue its operations. The preparation of the management accounts is overseen by the treasurer of the church, who is a chartered accountant. The church aims to hold a reserve of two months salaries to ensure it is able to meet its staffing commitments.

Grant Making

The charity pays grants in the form of mission giving. The level of mission giving is set at the start of each financial year by the PCC members and is based on the charity's projected income and asset levels.

Volunteers

The church benefit from the dedicated work of a great number of volunteers. In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The organisation's charitable aims and objectives are set out in its governing document, agreed by the PCC members on 28th March 2012. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on the 28th March 2012 (charity number 1146642).

The PCC is committed to the vision statement of the church to play our part in the re-evangelisation of the nation, the revitalisation of the Church and the transformation of society. In accordance with the vision statement, the church aims to meet its objectives through the provision of church services, courses and the instigation of new church plants. Given the diversity of the church's activities, performance is measured on a case-by-case basis.

Public Benefit

In accordance with our duties as stated in section 17(5) of the Charities Act, we have considered the guidance provided by the Charity Commission in regard to public benefit. This public benefit has been demonstrated by the activities undertaken since inception of the charity outlined above.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Sundays

We look back and celebrate with thanks all that God has done at our Sunday services over the last year. We continued with our pattern of 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:30pm services through the majority of the calendar year. Alongside corporate worship we continue to run Kids and Youth ministry.

Over the last year we have been focusing on building our Sunday Teams including Kids (see Kids report), Youth (see Youth report), adding a new non-staff Café team from November which as of Easter has revamped the café space at the back of church. The teams across the board have grown and we are now working on appointing non-staff leaders across our teams.

Our preaching team is growing, and we have been supporting across the family of churches if needed.

Melissa Taleni took on a Sunday Coordinator role in the summer and has since moved into a role overseeing Discipleship, including Collective and Groups. We are pleased to have Juliet Bauermeister join the team to coordinate Sundays in line with our strategy to reach, recruit, raise and release leaders and the church into ministry.

Particular highlights this year have been:

- In our Sunday gatherings we have baptised 42 people since September and are hoping to have another baptism service on Sunday 18th May.
- Christmas services including Carols (900 total attendance), Family Carols & Christingle (700 total attendance), Carols by Candlelight (1122 total attendance) & Christmas Day
- Good Friday & Easter Day services (1635 total attendance)

Kids

In January 2024 we transitioned to a fully lay-led Sunday provision run by lay volunteers Clare Ball and Sean Jeffries. We look back at the last year, and we are thankful to God for everything that has happened in the Kids ministry at St Peter's. This year in Kids we have had the privilege of welcoming many new and returning families, we have been so blessed to see the Kids team grow and though we are still recruiting for team, we have seen God provide in amazing ways.

In September, St Peter's welcomed Emma Marriott, a Children & Families placement student studying theology.

In line with church strategy, our focus over the last year has been to reach, recruit, raise and release the church into Kids ministry. We have worked on introducing more team nights and are currently working on making church a more inclusive environment for all children. We continue to follow safer recruitment practices and DBS checks. We currently have 30 Kids team which has risen from 14 in September. We aim to get to 35 volunteer team per term, who will serve every other week.

Building the core Leaders group as a pathway to releasing leaders into ministry at St Peter's and beyond (church planting) is key to our strategy and we have been working to build our core team with leaders like Jenni Clark & Shana Cheeseman (Pre-school), and Freya Blenkiron as a SEN lead.

Prayer Requests and looking ahead:

- Continued prayer for more volunteers to hear the call to serve the amazing children we are privileged to teach.
- Provision for the growing number and diversity of children and families especially at the 1130 service (including 1-2-1 support for the growing number of children with neurodiversity).
- Wisdom as we plan for welcoming the children back on 7th September.
- The planning of potential Parent & Child Engagement events.
- We are looking forward to supporting the Focus Kids ministry by encouraging our team to serve at Focus

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Youth

Youth at St Peter's Brighton has been incredible. This year we really built up the team that we have serving on a Friday night. We have welcomed about 12 new regulars who come along each week, which brings us to about 25 in total on the team. This is a huge support to the young people and the running of Youth. Our young people have grown massively in their faith and leadership. One of the most incredible things we have seen this year is the formation of a youth band, with about 20 youth all excited to be involved. This includes a variety of instruments being played and all different ages of young people. We have also had our youth step up in preaching more, with one of the young people who is in year 10 doing the preacher training course at St Peter's. From that she spoke at Youth, the Youth Weekend Away and then at a Sunday service.

In February we were able to run an incredible Youth Weekend Away. We saw 91 young people come along for the weekend, which is the most we have ever had. Just one story of many is from one of our year 8 boys. After the Saturday night service, we got a message from this boy's parents saying he has been on the phone in tears. He was telling his parents how he had just encountered the Holy Spirit for the first time in his life. We also got to enjoy watching young people find a lot of freedom in the games, a lot of our older youth were able to just let go of the social pressure to be cool and not be involved, instead they were getting muddy and diving into the games.

We got an incredible opportunity to bring more young people to Focus again. Through doing the Youth camping village, we could bring young people without their parents again. The young people had such an incredible time, growing closer to God and building amazing connections with one another. These are opportunities that the young people would not get if we did not run the camping area.

This year we had Lydia Mead join the Youth team on placement while studying theology. She was incredible and grew a lot in her leadership skills. Just before Christmas we were able to send her off to a local church to become the new Youth pastor. It's been amazing to track with her as she grew up in Youth here, got chances to grow and preach, to then joining team and ultimately step into this role and hold the responsibility as a pastor.

Students/Collective

In February 2024 we took 54 students and team away on our annual Student Weekend Away.

Over the summer we hosted summer socials each week, where the group informally met up with each other for different activities. This consisted of student and young adults and was part of a soft launch of Collective for the new academic year.

In September 2024, we shifted from Students to Collective. Collective includes students and young adults. On average there were 110 people who attended Collective between September and December. Part of the Collective model is having home groups, and we launched 6 groups across the city. On average we had 70-80 people to attend groups per evening. We've welcomed guest speakers from across Brighton and around the country to input into the lives of students and young adults.

Lunch at the Lukes', a fortnightly Sunday lunch at Jodi & Steve Luke's house, has been hugely successful, seeing up to 40 people from Collective filling the house for home-cooked lunch and a chance to relax and build community, as well as spend time talking through life with Jodi & Steve.

The Christmas Party saw 103 students and young adults enjoy an evening of Christmas celebrations and dancing to end the term.

Groups

One of the key ways that we aim for people to be fully integrated into the life of St Peter's is to join a mid-week discipleship/home group. As with last year, we had a number of groups stop meeting for a variety of reasons, however a few groups continued. The existing groups all function at different levels, some being more robust than others. There were 8 groups in 2024. The content for Groups continues to be provided by Dan and Kate Millest's deep-dives into the scriptures for that week's sermon passage, providing opportunities for people to grow in their biblical literacy, forge deeper friendships with others, as well as spurring one another on in our corporate discipleship journey.

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In the autumn term we discontinued the Discipleship Stream. It was introduced to support existing groups, be a group incubator (where new groups would form) and help people who are not in a group. It was mostly attended by students and as Collective started they moved to new Collective groups.

Starting in 2025, Melissa Taleni will be looking after Groups, creating content with Dan Millest. We look forward to launching more groups and holding group leader training nights.

Worship & Production

2024 has been a year of significant growth and momentum for the Worship and Production team at St Peter's. With the arrival of a large number of new students in the city, we've seen a surge in passionate, talented musicians and vocalists joining the team. We now have over 40 active team members involved in worship and production, including worship leaders, band members, vocalists, sound engineers and visual technicians.

Ministries such as Alpha, Safehaven and Collective have provided great opportunities for worship leaders to grow in confidence and skill. Our Youth ministry has also become a great pipeline for developing worship team with 3 of the youth having transitioned into serving on the main Sunday team, bringing fresh energy and long-term potential to the ministry.

Nathan Robinson excelled in his role as Production Coordinator bringing consistency to the sound at St Peter's. He also helped train 3 new sound engineers for the production team.

Our Easter and Christmas services remain cornerstone events in our worship calendar, drawing on the full creative and spiritual capacity of the team. Easter weekend included a deeply reflective Good Friday service and a joy-filled Easter Sunday celebration that hosted over 1600 people.

Christmas 2024 saw us hosting 8 different services over the month, ranging from traditional carol services to creative all-age gatherings. Carols by Candlelight was a particular highlight where we partnered a string quartet with a choir of 30 people all from the congregation.

Alpha

Alpha continues to be a highly fruitful ministry at St Peter's, helping to raise up and release our congregation into the work of evangelism, engage guests from outside the church, and see people come to a living faith in Jesus.

In the past year we created opportunities for 103 people to serve on our main Alpha course, welcomed 283 guests, and saw 156 attend one of our three Alpha Days – a key moment of encounter and decision in the journey of faith.

As part of our ongoing shift to a lay-led, staff-supported model of ministry, we've seen significant growth in leadership capacity. Ali Beal has led Alpha with excellence, not only overseeing the course but also intentionally creating space for others to step up and lead. This transition was especially evident in the Spring 2025 Alpha, where Ali stepped back from in-person leadership and instead empowered a team of lay leaders: Chris Williams (Event Lead), Arianna Shapland (Hospitality Lead), and Rachel Butcher (Admin Lead).

This model has attracted significant interest from across the HTB Network, and we've been invited to share our learning with others. Within our own Family of Churches, we are now piloting a coaching project with three other churches to adopt the lay-led Alpha model, supported by a central coach.

Safehaven Saturday

2024 marked the 15th year of running Safehaven Saturday at St Peter's—an outreach that opens our doors each week to men and women who are homeless or disadvantaged in our city. Over the years, Safehaven has become much more than just a hot meal or a warm space; it's a place of welcome, dignity, and deep connection. As one volunteer shared: "Safehaven is an incredible ministry with an incredible team. Opening the church as a restaurant to the vulnerably housed, and joining with them in community is such a blessing. They are waited on, they are supported, they are loved. There are difficult, heartbreaking stories at times. But it is always a special place, filled with the Spirit, and you leave richer than you arrive."

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2024 also saw significant growth in the weekly Communion service held as part of Safehaven. More guests have been choosing to participate regularly, and the service has grown and developed into something deeply meaningful. It offers a unique opportunity for members of the homeless community to engage in worship, prayer, and the sacraments in a way that is accessible, inclusive, and authentic. This small but growing congregation at St Peter's is a powerful witness to God's work among those so often overlooked by traditional church spaces.

The relationships and sense of familiarity that grow at Safehaven help guests feel more confident in accessing further support—whether that's through signposting or through specialist partners at our Men's and Women's drop-ins, held in the same space. While Safehaven was originally created to reach out to and serve the city, what we've found over the years is that it has also had a profound impact on the volunteers themselves. It has become a place of belonging, encouragement, spiritual growth, and meaningful connection for those who serve, not just for those being served.

One volunteer said, "Safehaven has also been a vital place of integration and purpose in a new chapter of life. We were new to the area and it's difficult to get to know people in a big church, or to feel needed. Safehaven was exactly what we needed—practically and spiritually. The team made us feel welcome, and we felt privileged to serve the community. We are more blessed to give than receive—but we received so much more."

In 2024 our Saturday meals were attended by 644 individual men and women across 3,896 visits, with on average 105 guests attending each week. During the year 134 different volunteers have helped at Safehaven Saturday, giving 3,459 volunteering hours.

Safehaven Men's Drop-In

Our Men's drop-in continues to provide a safe and welcoming space for men who are disadvantaged, to come together, build positive and constructive relationships, and experience a sense of connection through a light meal, conversation, and low-key activities.

2024 has seen the drop-in evolve significantly, with a notable shift from being primarily about food provision to becoming a space that fosters fellowship, friendship, community, and discipleship. The art table in particular has flourished this year. Jo, who runs the table, reflected that "when the art table first took on its current format in 2023, none of the guests had any faith—many were openly atheist or agnostic, and resistant to any conversation about Jesus. But fast forward to 2024, and those same men have either come to faith or are currently doing Alpha. It's been incredible to see how God has worked through the art."

The art table also undertook a collaborative project this year to create an art installation themed "Under This Roof." Guests produced a wide variety of beautiful paintings, inspired both by the phrase and by the different aspects of life and ministry within the church. The drop-in also remains a trusted space for key workers to meet with their clients.

In 2024 the Men's drop-in supported 446 individuals across a total of 2,405 visits. We welcome an average of 62 men every week. During the year 76 individuals have volunteered on the team this year which equates to 2,622 volunteer team hours.

Safehaven Women Thursday Drop-In

Our Safehaven Women's drop-in continues to provide a weekly safe space for vulnerable and disadvantaged women in our city; in fact, we are the only place in Brighton that offers a safe place just for women that doesn't require a referral, criteria or time limited support. This year we have seen our women build a stronger sense of community with each other, offering friendship and support outside the drop-in space. We feel that the reflection time is one of the most important elements of the women's drop-in, so this year we decided to bring it to the middle of our session, so we now have it straight after the meal before dessert and before we bring the activities out. This has meant we have had almost 100% engagement from our women and have gone from women chatting through the reflection time to almost complete silence in the room. External specialists continue to attend the drop-ins across the term, helping to build relationships within Safehaven Women's more relaxed, supportive environment. One guest says, "This is my safe place, I feel at home here and seen by the team. Coming to Safehaven Women is the only time I go out, I know I am going to be safe and see friends, as well as have the best food."

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Over the last year 300 individual women participated in the drop-in across 1,918 visits. An average of 48 women continue to be welcomed every week. Over this last year 69 different volunteers have helped at SHW making 2,487 volunteering hours. Over the past year women have attended church activities including St Peter's Play Café, Alpha and Sunday church. 7 of our women have become volunteers on the SHW team and 5 women have got into meaningful work.

Women's Probation Breakfast

In partnership with the Probation Service, we continue to provide a warm, welcoming environment in which women meet with their Probation Officers and other essential services – all over breakfast! Additional activities, such as arts and crafts, also run during the sessions, helping guests engage with each other and open-up about their experiences. Over this year 40 women have attended Probation Breakfast, equating to 276 visits. We have a strong team of 10 volunteers, giving 684 team hours. One participant said, "Probation Breakfast at St Peter's church is the absolute highlight of my week – the only thing I look forward to" and another woman fed back, "However I am feeling or turn up at the drop-in, even in my darkest, messiest moments, I know I will be accepted and welcomed."

Probation Boys

In September we partnered with the Chapel Royal to start a weekly drop-in for 17–25-year-old boys who are on Probation. This age group of boys are generally first offenders, who have often been groomed into crime by older men in the city. Getting them to engage with the Probation service is difficult because of their age and also if they attend the Probation Office, they are likely to see the men who groomed them into crime. If these boys do engage with the Probation service early on, they are more likely to turn their lives around. By providing a safe place for them to meet their Probation Officers and other service providers, they are more likely to engage. We have a strong team of 4 who host this weekly space at the Chapel Royal under St Peter's guidance.

Mother & Baby Group

We continue to support vulnerable mothers through formal sessions and informal support, helping participants to develop self-confidence, to inform positive choices and work towards the reality of a hope-filled future. The calm and nurturing space continues to play a foundational role for many vulnerable mothers. We have seen community and relationship between our mums deepen, with them regularly supporting and encouraging each other and see each other outside the group. Over this last year 19 mothers were supported, across 140 visits. 10 individuals have volunteered on the team, giving 486 volunteering hours. In addition to the Mums group, we have continued to welcome RISE to use the church hall to run their 'Rising Stars' children's programme to help support children affected by domestic abuse in the home. RISE have run 3 of these groups, supporting around 20 children.

Eden Strip Club Ministry

In June of this year, we launched Eden Strip Club Ministry in partnership with Eden Southampton and HTB church. A team of 2 go regularly into a local strip club to offer chaplaincy in the form of a confidential, non-judgemental listening service. We visited the club 16 times from the end of June until December and spoke with over 60 dancers, 5 of these dancers attended carol services over the Christmas period, with one of them attending 3 different services.

Safehaven 'Love Christmas'

This Christmas we served 305 Christmas meals for Safehaven guests across 3 parties, which included choral singing from a local Brighton Choir, karaoke, fancy dress and even a Christmas conga! Thanks to the generosity of the church and local companies we were able to give the gift of a brand new warm and cosy scarf to each of our guests along with a Peace Be Still body lotion, beautiful affirmation bracelets, warm winter hats, and gloves.

One of our guests said she felt so protected and connected to us while wearing her affirmation bracelets, others said they wouldn't get any other gifts at Christmas so felt really loved and valued. Others were so blessed to have warm items to help during the colder months.

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Love Your Neighbour

The Love Your Neighbour (LYN) Programme is a national alliance of churches and other organisations playing their part on the frontline of social transformation in cities, towns and communities across the UK. St Peter's have been working with Love Your Neighbour for several years, particularly as part of their Christmas campaign. However, last year Rich Merrick joined as our LYN Development Manager to further increase our activity as part of the LYN strategy. Part of his remit was to undertake their Hub Accelerator Programme. The programme invites churches to accelerate their growth in a structured way across five areas: impact, mobilisation, sustainability, national alliance, and storytelling. Through their hubs, they help to coordinate social action projects and resource communities to meet local needs and show love in action.

Play Café

Play cafe has continued to run during term time throughout the year. Our vision is to provide a safe, joyful space for parents and carers to share with their little ones. We have had a range from 99 to 252 visitors each week, who are still primarily not engaging in St Peter's in other ways.

We have a multi-generational team of 14 volunteers who serve when they are able, and we are blessed weekly by Gary's wonderful baking. We have been able to offer some prayer support to our guests and hope to develop this further in the coming year. We also operate a pay it forward scheme, which ensures that guests who aren't financially able can still enjoy a coffee.

Faith In Recovery

Faith in Recovery launched in June 2020 to bridge the gap between Church and the recovery world and has now been running weekly for nearly five years. It's for all those in any recovery and who are struggling, and families and friends of those in any addiction, drinking or substance-use. We meet weekly in term time, alternating in person and over Zoom. We have a regular core group who have been with us since the start. They've stepped into more service roles such as leading, tech and bible readings, which is a joy to watch. They in turn carry that message to others to come and join our community. Some have also now moved into holding their own recovery meetings within our family of churches. We now have a face-to-face Faith in Recovery meeting in Grimsby and Wrexham with another HTB church that has shown an interest. Our community across our churches is approximately 150 people, 40 of whom are on our WhatsApp group, where we encourage and support each other. We have plans to do an evening Examen on Zoom, twice a month.

This year we have been given the honour of taking Faith in Recovery to Focus and will be running a daily morning meeting during that weekend. We are in the process of organising a seminar specifically on addiction with Sam Coates at HTB. A few more people have been connected to recovery through our Safehaven ministry in the last year. There have been many conversations connecting Probation, Youth and Collective to recovery and bringing awareness of how the 12 Steps align with Jesus' teachings, and also education on where addiction really lies within our church communities and how we respond as a church. We've shared Faith in Recovery's journey and what the ministry does, including across the Diocese, to further carry the message of recovery. We have nearly completed a Ministry Model digital pack for anyone who feels called to set up a recovery meeting in their church, to guide, inform, support and inspire.

The most encouraging and moving part is that we are a family, fully inclusive of all, with love, compassion and acceptance regardless of where people are in their journey, or what their addiction is. We carry people who are struggling with their faith as sisters and brothers in Christ. It's been particularly exciting to have people join who are new to faith or just starting to explore who Jesus is and it's been a privilege to support one another through the ups and downs of our faith and recovery journeys. The vision is to equip and enable others throughout our network of churches and beyond to have a recovery community within every church.

Tackling Anxiety Together

TAT is very thankful for the support of St Peter's church. We ran an in-person course at St Matthias in June 2024 where we had 40 guests attend, ages ranging from early 20s through to 70 and above, led by a team of 10 volunteers. TAT is being run in various locations around the country, Holy Trinity Brompton, Fabric Church in Manchester, Emmaus Road Guildford, 3 Counties Vineyard Church and Substance Church in Minneapolis USA. We estimate that around 300 people have been on the course in the last year.

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We have also been developing the Youth course which has been running in Cardinal Newman school and Steyning Grammar. This is aimed at teenagers who are suffering with anxiety to equip them with skills and a community to overcome the challenges they face and introduce them to the Christian faith. Carrie Palmer Fry heads this up and approximately 40 young people have done the course over the last year. We are working with the Youth leaders from the Brighton Family of Churches to run this course in the schools they have a connection with.

Spear Brighton

2024 has been a great year for Spear Brighton. We have continued to run The Spear Programme out of St Peter's and are incredibly grateful for the space to do this.

Here's a rundown of the year in numbers:

- 69 young people completed the Spear Programme.
- 88% of those we worked with were facing at least one significant barrier to employment (these include mental health, socio-economic factors like housing or generational unemployment, criminal records and family involved in crime, neurodivergence and learning difficulties, lack of qualifications, care leavers).
- 71% of those we worked with faced 3 or more barriers to work.
- 76% of those who did Spear a year ago are now in work/education.

One young person said at their celebration:

"So, when I got rejected job after job after job, I thought that this can't possibly be my fault; it must be the world's fault. I lashed out at everyone as a result, and I knew I was at rock bottom when my sleep schedule was just terrible...I was in a really bad place. I got angry and self-destructive, and I ended up turning on myself and thinking, well, maybe the world isn't the problem; maybe I'm the problem. Maybe I'm just stupid and a waste of space. And so, Spear really helped me figure out where I am in the world. They gave me practical steps, and I learned a lot about the victim and power mindset and how not to go down into another spiral. And it really helped to know that I was not alone, and other people felt that way. With Spear, I felt like I was actually getting somewhere. I'm just focusing on what I can control; changing my mindset, being positive and applying for jobs."

They have now been working for the past 6 months as a support worker for adults with learning difficulties, an interview they got through our local connections, and are loving it, we are so proud of the progress they've made and the resilience they've shown.

Spear exists not just to impact and empower young people facing barriers to employment, but to inspire and envision the organisations we partner with to achieve ambitious and sustainable social change. This past year we have been strengthening relationships with local charities, support services, council provision and businesses across the city, including Mind, Nando's, London Care, Marston's, Clocktower Sanctuary, Brighton Youth Hub and many more.

Bridge The Gap –Brighton

Bridge The Gap is a ministry at St Peter's aimed specifically at non-Christian men aged 18+. It is partnered with the Bridge The Gap Football charity, which works with churches across the country with the vision of seeing generations come to know Jesus using football as a tool to build community, connect the isolated and lonely, develop leaders, and change lives. Here in Brighton we play on Friday nights at the 3G astro pitch at Brighton University, and see many young men attending each week, whether they study or work in Brighton.

Bridge The Gap Brighton had an impactful year in 2024. The year started with a huge influx of new players attending sessions, averaging 70 each week for the first 3 months. A large reason for this was down to a newspaper article that was written in the Sussex Uni newspaper "The Badger" that labelled Bridge the Gap Football as Brighton's best football group for students to attend. The article was written by one of the players who had enjoyed attending so much that he wanted to write about it, and went on to explain the mission of BTG, the importance of community, the partnership with St Peter's, and the stark difference that he had seen in the culture at Bridge The Gap compared to two other football groups he had been a part of during his time at university.

At this time, we also had Matt Drabble finish his first Alpha Course after attending a BTG Quiz Night and accepting an invitation to Alpha that same night. Matt joined the Bridge The Gap team and has been hugely influential within the group, as he can easily relate to the other members due to his non-faith experience for most of his formative years.

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Around Easter time, the team and I made the decision to strip things back on Friday nights. The result of such high numbers meant that the community aspect of BTG was beginning to fall behind. We noticed that as a team it was harder to keep control of the welcoming, inclusive, people-driven values that we wanted to uphold, so we picked out 50 players we felt were attending for the right reasons (for community, not just football) and added everyone into a WhatsApp group and capped sessions at 35 players. We also paused our use of social media, so as not to attract too many players (at this stage our @btgbrighton Instagram page was reaching over 1000 people each month). The decision to reduce numbers and focus on the people in front of us was huge, and we saw a community form exactly as we had hoped. Lower numbers meant that people had the opportunity to chat with others outside of playing football, and as a team we were able to get to know the guys attending on a much more personal level, sharing our faith at socials such as watching the 2024 Euros tournament at the pub, meeting some of the guys 1-1 to catch up, and messaging in the week.

This also provided opportunities for some of the guys to step up in their own leadership, such as hosting a team when there was a lack of numbers. Two examples of this were Sid and Harry, who had been attending BTG for a little while and were having a big positive impact on the players despite both attending on their own and not having any faith background.

In June we attended the BTG National Tournament, an opportunity to play football with and against the 25 other BTG sites in one big event. We took a squad of 10 to Stratford-upon-Avon and were able to build relationships on a much deeper level through the day. At the tournament there was a half time break, a 45-minute segment planned by Bridge The Gap to share two testimonies from guys who had come to faith through BTG in the past year, and the impact that Jesus had had on their lives since becoming Christians. A professional footballer also attended and shared their faith journey, and this sparked many conversations for the drive home.

One exciting moment over this period was also when ex-Brighton captain Bruno Saltor joined for a session, after a meeting I was able to have with him. Inspired by the vision, Bruno joined and met the guys, signed shirts, and continues to support BTG further now.

In September, we opened the group back up to 50 spaces and relaunched on Instagram. With 3 new members of team (including both Sid and Harry) we felt confident that the core group of 35 that had attended in the previous summer term would ensure that a positive community with the values that we uphold would be sustained. We were absolutely correct and found that all 50 spaces filled up quickly each week, but with more consistency than before, and the culture on Friday nights was now being led by the players, rather than the work of the team. New players were joining and seeing that Bridge the Gap wasn't a place to showboat, to value winning too highly, criticise others, or play with friends. Instead, they found that meeting new players was more important, encouraging others was more enjoyable even if they made mistakes, and not caring about the result or their own performance took the pressure off the football, and it has quickly become people's favourite place to play football and find community.

We were so encouraged in December when we held a FIFA tournament, supported by Bruno with signed Brighton shirts, and Fatto A Mano with pizza vouchers. We had 32 people join us for an evening of FIFA (a football video game) and watching a Brighton match on a projector. At the end of the evening, we invited all the guys to Christmas at St Peter's and were so pleased when 10 of them accepted and attended services! From Beer and Carols to the Carol Service, the guys joined in, bringing their housemates and friends, and as a team we continue to pray for the impact that this will have had on all of them.

Overall, Bridge the Gap had an exciting year in 2024, and the same has continued to happen into 2025. We are so excited to see how God will use this ministry of football and people to see more young men connect with church and begin their own faith journeys.

Mission Giving

The Mission Giving committee was established in 2011 to formalise St Peter's giving and is a subcommittee of the PCC. It is based on the premise that all our work at St Peter's is missional, but we set aside money to give to projects and organisations that are not directly the work of St Peter's. The purpose of missional giving is to ensure that we are not narrow in our focus (being only about St Peter's) and that we are a blessing to Brighton, its churches and charities, to the nation and to the world.

Mission Giving in 2024 was budgeted at 10% of total income and is reviewed by the Finance Committee annually. In 2024 this was set at £87,548 (including an underspend of £3,196 from 2023).

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The Mission Giving Committee broadly uses four criteria to distribute the funds:

- Strategic Partnerships – these are churches and charities that we work with in Brighton and beyond. In 2024 these were: Bridge the Gap, Brighton Women's Centre, Chomp (OneChurch), Orchards, Justlife, Off The Fence, St Cuthmans and Chapel Royal clergy support, Love Your Neighbour.
- Work we don't do but would love to – in 2024 we supported CAP (Christians Against Poverty).
- Projects of the congregation – we want to empower those who have a vision for things that are not centrally run by St Peter's. In 2024: Samara's Aid Appeal, Orphans International, Recovery Hub and Cardinal Newman chaplaincy.
- Training and Mission Trips of members of the congregation – enabling people to train, to serve other charities, and to bless other organisations in other parts of the UK or abroad. In 2024 this included a £300 bursary awarded to a member of the congregation attending a YWAM discipleship training school and support to a missionary family working in the Middle East.

200-year Fundraising Project

In 2024, we celebrated the bicentenary of the laying of the St Peter's foundation stone with the "One Moment in Time" heritage initiative. This year-long programme combined restoration efforts with community engagement, supported by significant fundraising achievements.

Community Engagement Activities

- *Celebration Service*: The celebration year began formally on 12 May, where we held a special service to mark the 200th anniversary. It was very well attended by congregation members, the Mayor of Brighton & Hove, who opened the service, and also the Bishop of Chichester, who addressed the congregation. We also displayed some of the church artefacts, including the ceremonial trowel! It was a hugely reflective, thankful, uplifting and celebratory day for all that God has done at St Peter's.
- *One Moment in Time*: A social history project collecting narratives from individuals connected to St Peter's over the past two centuries, with a focus on working-class heritage. This involved a four-part filming workshop with local young people from 16-18, a professional media production company and a journalist. Using the content curated, a website was developed and built ready for launch in 2025.
- *Open Days & Tours*: We also held four open days (National Lottery Heritage Open Days & Ageing Well Festival) for the public to come, see and learn more about the wonderful heritage of St Peter's. This focussed particularly on people and community, by sharing and learning about those who were a part of the church, the history of the church and the fabric of the building. It also included an in-depth tour of the building for which they also visited the inside of the tower and the bells. It was very well received all round with over 60% new to St Peter's.
- *LIFE by Luxmuralis*: An immersive sound and light installation working with the artist Peter Walker was held from 30th October to 2nd November. Over 7,000 tickets were sold and it was a huge success all round. Not only did it help to galvanise the church congregation with a shared sense of 'hosting the city' for a major event, but it also helped to put the church in the community spotlight and once again 'put us on the map' as a landmark in Brighton. Of the thousands who attended, over 75% were new to St Peter's.
- *Who's Your Rock?*: A collaborative art installation involving over 1,500 children and young people from Brighton & Hove, celebrating figures of support in their lives and building relationships with schools across the city through inviting them to take part.
- *Seeing Beyond the Stones*: Through St Peter's own groups, such as Safehaven and Kids, as well as our art collective 'Wonder', we engaged artists from a range of backgrounds and experiences to create their interpretations of the building and its features. Workshops ran periodically for the project throughout the latter part of the year. Eventually the artwork will be displayed in the church for viewing.

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Fundraising Milestones

- In March, we secured a £250,000 grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, bolstering our restoration efforts. Alongside this, we raised an additional more than £195,000 through various grants, including from the National Churches Trust, the Wolfson Foundation, Church Care, Garfield Weston, Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Benefact Trust, Historic England, Westhill Endowment, Michael Bishop Foundation, Congregational & General Charitable Trust, the Sussex Record Society Mellor grant scheme and The Ian Askew Charitable Trust.
- The fundraising has enabled all activities of the project to take place. A huge thanks must go to Sara Marsden-King, our fundraiser, who has done an incredible amount of work in applying for and securing these funds.

Restoration Progress

An ongoing focus has been on the restoration of the church tower, addressing critical structural issues as well as cleaning and restoring the stones. This whole project has enabled a major part of these works.

We continued to work with a host of key contractors - DBR (stonemasons), Hanslip & Co (architect), Grant Associates (QS), Stand Structural Engineers, Clockwise (clock restoration) and Allen & Foxworthy (scaffolders) - and Blowup Media, our advertising partners. We are hugely grateful for their work, input, time and effort on this latest phase of the project.

Phase 1 (of 2) was works to scaffold lifts 8-6 which took place from September until the end of the year and was completed under the proposed budget.

The clockfaces were also restored as part of the works with the mechanicals due to be restored in 2025. Though it was a 'bumpy' journey for getting to the final outcome, the result is that they look fantastic with black faces and gold gilding.

This has been the continued, long-term project of restoring the unsafe Tower with an eventual aim to remove the scaffolding that has been in place since 2014, enhancing the church's visibility and accessibility.

Looking Ahead

The funds raised and activities conducted in 2024 have significantly contributed to the preservation and celebration of St Peter's Church. We remain committed to continuing our restoration efforts and fostering community involvement in the years to come.

Safeguarding

At St Peter's we are committed to ensuring that the church is a safe place for all who attend our services and ministries. We are committed to creating a good safeguarding culture and good practice. We encourage all members of the congregation to undertake *Basic Awareness* safeguarding training, and volunteers and staff to undertake the training required by their role.

We use an online safeguarding database, MyConcern. All safeguarding concerns are recorded and stored on this database, so it is easily accessible for staff and volunteers to record incidents.

St Peter's has a core safeguarding team which was reconfigured in 2022. The team is Dan Millest, Helen Garratt, Bob Barstow and Emily Roe. Sarah White is joining the team as Parish Safeguarding Officer. The wider St Peter's safeguarding team meet monthly to review best practice and safeguarding culture.

In February 2025 we were invited to take part in the Chichester Diocese pilot of the National church's safeguarding audit tool *Parish Dashboards*. We are using this very useful tool to audit all our safeguarding practice and will use this for ongoing audit in the future.

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Environment & Sustainability Report

In 2024, we continued our commitment to environmental responsibility, though it was a year where progress was limited due to ongoing team capacity challenges. Our desire to be a church that cares for God's creation remains strong, but we recognise that this year was more about maintaining existing efforts than advancing new initiatives.

We were proud to achieve Eco Church Bronze in 2022. However, despite early intentions, we have not yet made the progress required to move towards a silver award. The complexity of our building and the demands on our team have contributed to this slower pace, but the ambition remains.

Energy use continued to be an area of practical focus. We installed additional motion sensors for lighting and worked on better management of our heating system. While these changes have helped reduce unnecessary energy consumption, they were more about improving operational efficiency than delivering a step-change in environmental impact. We plan to revisit more strategic upgrades when resources allow.

Waste and recycling levels saw a marginal decline, with 57% of our total waste recycled in 2024 (down from 58% in 2023). This remains an area where we hope to improve, but we acknowledge that this year did not include any major changes in approach or policy.

Unlike previous years, we did not actively pursue behavioural shifts across staff and volunteers around sustainability. Much of this was simply due to capacity: with key staffing gaps and major project commitments (including the 200-year anniversary programme), environmental goals have not been as central as we had hoped.

As we reflect on 2024, we do so with honesty and a renewed sense of purpose. We are thankful for the foundations already laid and look forward to refocusing our environmental efforts in the year ahead, recognising that care for creation is not an optional extra but an essential part of our witness and stewardship.

Staff & Operations

Following the major staffing restructure of 2023, 2024 was a year of stabilisation, selective rebuilding, and continued adaptation. While the core team remained relatively consistent, we did experience some further staff changes and new additions who helped support our ongoing ministry and mission.

In the first half of the year, we saw the departure of two permanent staff members: our Giving, Data & Systems Coordinator, and our Sunday & Connect Coordinator. Of these roles, only the Sunday & Connect Coordinator position was replaced, reflecting our continued emphasis on strengthening our Sunday gatherings and connection pathways.

Over the summer, our Co-Lead Pastor went on maternity leave, and in the autumn, our Youth Outreach Lead returned from her own maternity leave – a moment of continuity and celebration for the team. In July, we were delighted to welcome a new Associate Vicar, bringing fresh leadership and pastoral input to the church.

We also created and appointed a new role, the Love Your Neighbour Hub Development Manager, to help drive the next phase of our work with the city and local partners in addressing food insecurity and other key areas of need.

In support of our 200-year 'One Moment in Time' project, two new temporary contract roles were created – an Art Workshop Facilitator and a Project Coordinator – to help deliver the creative and engagement aspects of the year. While the Project Coordinator role was only filled briefly, the workshop facilitation contributed significantly to the public-facing success of the programme.

Our staff team continued to support the Family of Churches throughout 2024 with various HR administrative services, including running the payroll and providing advice on policies and compliance. This partnership remains a valuable way we can bless and strengthen other churches across the city.

After the large-scale changes of 2023, this year has been one of measured growth, steady operations, and renewed investment in people and purpose. We are grateful for the team that God has gathered here and continue to look ahead with hope and faith as we serve the city together.

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Communications

Communications at St Peter's in 2024 remained an essential part of how we shared vision, encouraged participation, and kept the church informed. However, this year also highlighted some of the challenges that come with limited capacity and the absence of a dedicated communications lead.

Throughout the year, communications responsibilities were shared across multiple staff members, which, while collaborative in spirit, affected overall consistency and clarity. Without one named person overseeing strategy and delivery, tasks were spread thinly and at times lacked coordination. This resulted in occasional gaps in timing, quality, and tone — even as we continued to maintain a relatively high standard of output across our channels.

We made a conscious effort to relaunch our bi-monthly email newsletter, recognising that around 30% of our congregation rely on email as their main source of updates and information. This newsletter became a key touchpoint once again, providing a reliable rhythm of communication around church life, upcoming events, and ministry news.

Canva continued to be a standout tool for our team, helping bridge the gap between professional design and accessible content creation. It played a crucial role in both streamlining our design process and empowering volunteers and less experienced team members to produce high quality visuals. This proved especially valuable in ministry areas without dedicated comms support.

We maintained a steady presence on social media, primarily via Instagram and Facebook, with content focused on key events, Sunday gatherings, and stories from across church life. Engagement remained steady, with notable spikes during the promotion of major events such as *LIFE by Luxmuralis* and our *200-Year Celebration Service*. These moments demonstrated the reach and potential of well-planned, visually strong campaigns — even within a stretched team.

The church website remained a central hub for information, though we recognise there is work to do to improve user experience, particularly around navigation and keeping content up to date. We continue to rely on Moocow, the agency who built the original site, and have been glad of their foundational support throughout the year. The website has been identified as a key area of development for 2025, with scoping work already underway. Priorities include improving access for new congregants, better clarity around our vision and leadership, and making it easier to connect into the life of the church.

Looking ahead, we're aware of the need to invest more strategically in communications, both in terms of personnel and structure. The past year has shown that while shared ownership can keep things moving, clear leadership and vision are needed to raise both consistency and effectiveness. Communications will continue to be a priority area for strengthening in 2025, as we seek to better serve our congregation and city with timely, creative, and mission-focused messaging.

Building & Facilities Report

Tower Project

The Tower Project formally restarted in July 2024 following the successful award of a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant. This phase of the project focuses on the completion of critical stone replacement and repairs to scaffold lifts 3-8 and is scheduled for completion in June 2025.

As is often the case with historic buildings, unexpected discoveries can arise. However, to date, we have not encountered any major revisions or changes to the scope of works. The collaborative project management between contractors, surveyors, architects, and the client has functioned well.

Significant work was undertaken behind the scenes in Spring 2025 to reweight and amend contract schedules following a 20% cost increase from 1st April due to changes in the Listed Places of Worship VAT grant scheme. Thankfully, the project has been largely unaffected, as we worked closely with the quantity surveyor and main contractor around purchase timings of materials and equipment.

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We also made the strategic decision to terminate our contract with the main scaffold contractor by purchasing the entire scaffold construction. This move has saved substantial costs on adaptations and inspections. A local company has now purchased the scaffold in situ and assumed all liabilities. As part of the agreement, they will dismantle the top five lifts free of charge upon completion of this phase, leaving the remaining two lowest lifts and hoarding in place. This will help secure the site and facilitate inspection and costing for the next phase of work.

The funding has also enabled the completion of the overhaul of all four clock faces, along with refurbishment of the internal clock mechanisms. This included the much-needed installation of an automated GPS timekeeper and the reinstallation of the original hour chime hammer.

Finally, the iconic "wobbly pinnacle" will be reinstated and craned back to its original position atop the tower during this phase.

Stonework Review and Pinnacle Repairs

In October 2024, we commissioned an urgent review of critical decorative stonework, focusing mainly on the pinnacles. Much of the decorative stonework is in poor or critical condition due to unsuitable repairs made during the 1950s and 1960s. The inspection revealed a significant structural defect affecting all clerestory pinnacles on the East elevation, necessitating immediate remedial work and the erection of a substantial scaffold for further assessments. Monitoring is ongoing while we work with the structural engineer and architect to determine the best solution.

Red Hall Entrance Refurbishment

The external hall entrance has been reconfigured with a new internal day door. This improvement provides a warmer welcome, enhanced lighting, and an upgraded access system.

Reordering Project

We have submitted a proposal to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) for pre-faculty formal advice regarding the main church flooring and seating, as requested by the Chancellor. This relates to our current temporary faculty for the existing floor covering and chair style. The DAC has responded positively in principle, allowing us to move forward with the formal application, which will include consultation with relevant amenity groups.

To summarise, we intend to retain the current floor covering for its service life, after which we propose to continue using versatile carpet tiles. To address the concerns of the Victorian Society, we will incorporate a two-tone coloured border around the main space and architectural features such as the font and structural pillars. Additionally, we plan to keep the existing versatile stacking chairs and gradually introduce a limited number of wooden chairs, particularly in the Lady Chapel.

Health, Safety, and Security

Following an independent fire risk assessment, we have been implementing a number of essential upgrades throughout the building as required by our insurers. Many of these upgrades have necessitated faculty or other permissions. The most notable of these is the planned installation of a new fire detection and evacuation system, currently at the DAC consultation phase awaiting approval.

We are especially grateful to Brian Dillon, who conducted a comprehensive security audit. His findings have led to several physical improvements, including enhanced CCTV coverage and upgraded door controls. Additionally, we have reviewed and updated many of our internal procedures and policies.

Archiving and Artefacts

Bert and Barb Van Cleve have been diligently archiving all building-related historical documentation. A significant quantity of at-risk materials—including original building plans, site drawings, and historically significant papers—has been carefully preserved at The Keep (Sussex Records Office).

Furthermore, Bert and Barb have meticulously photographed and documented all our stained-glass windows, producing a beautifully bound book detailing each one. We are deeply grateful for their tireless work and dedication.

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Finally, we have been blessed with such a dedicated team who care for the building week in week out. With their support we have achieved so much over the past year.

Strategic Development Fund

The Strategic Development Fund (SDF) in partnership with the Diocese of Chichester and funded by the central Church of England continued into the fourth year of a project which started in 2021. Originally due to finish in 2026, it has now been extended for a further three years until 2029.

St Peter's is the lead church for the Family of Churches and continues to work with the Diocese of Chichester on the project with three church plants already having taken place. While St Richard's & St Leonard's saw real growth and success, 2024 saw the re-launch of All Saints Patcham with the incumbent, Mark Rodger taking on the role at the start of January. We have continued to support this partnership primarily through fortnightly attendance at Tuesday staff meetings – teaching, worshipping and praying together – although St Matthias are the official partner with Tom Holbird as Priest in Charge of All Saints Patcham.

St Andrew's Moulsecoomb had a setback with their vicar Will Leaf deciding not to continue with his incumbency and leaving mid-year. Dan Millest and the Diocese have worked closely together with the PCC of St Andrew's and have agreed to continue with the partnership. They are seeking to appoint a new incumbent and planning to relaunch.

For St Peter's, the Discipleship Stream and Youth Outreach are the two active projects that have developed over the year and borne real fruit with growth seen in both areas.

Lizzie Milne returned from maternity leave to continue her Youth Outreach role, with Kirsty Stannard overseeing some of the project management in her absence. The key focus has been to rediscover and strengthen partnerships with schools across the city, most notably Cardinal Newman and King's. It's in school's work where we're really seeing God at work and is particularly exciting. The once-per-month All-Ins on a Friday at St Peter's are also a significant piece of this outreach plan where we're seeing those who have perhaps discovered a church in their local area, through a youth café drop-in, for example, eventually coming to a Friday night at St Peter's.

We continued to receive funding for a couple of SDF related roles throughout 2024. These roles will come to be funded by St Peter's, which was always the intention and our commitment to the project. A sustainability plan is being implemented over the next couple of years.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total unrestricted income came to £1,457,390 (2023: £1,585,860), including £307,974 of designated income (2023: £33,734). Restricted income totalled £86,834 (2023: £53,114). Income from donations and legacies totalled £913,394 (2023: £1,342,109), of which £913,394 was unrestricted (2023: £1,342,109).

The overall surplus for the year, including movement on investments was £37,877 (2023: £119,905). At the balance sheet date the church held total funds of £659,207 (2023: £621,330), of which £394,039 were unrestricted (2023: £191,674), £252,769 were endowed (2023: £410,906) and £12,399 were restricted (2023: £18,750).

Reserves

It is the policy of the PCC to retain two months' gross staff salaries in reserve to cover any emergencies. At the year end the charity had free reserves of £343,063 (2023: £187,419), this includes the designated fund of £126,328 (2023: £81,914) leaving a surplus of £216,735 (2023: £105,505).

Investment Policy

The Trustees expect that both capital and income in the investment fund will grow in real terms over the medium to long term. The Trustees believe that this will generate the best financial return for the charity within an acceptable level of risk. Performance is monitored throughout the year and is reviewed as necessary.

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FUTURE PLANS

The Charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. The Charity will always plan to plant churches where the opportunity arises and secured funding from the Diocese of Chichester to plant four in the Brighton & Hove area by the end of 2024. Three have already been launched and plans to build operations in the fourth continue, with several other potential future plants also being pursued.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our PCC members' annual report; there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware. Each of the trustees have confirmed that they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as trustees, in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditor.

On behalf of the board of trustees



Chris Willis

PCC Member and Treasurer

Date: Oct 13, 2025

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STATEMENT OF PCC MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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The PCC members are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the PCC members to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the PCC members should follow best practice and:
None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity and there are no related parties to the charity.

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

The PCC members are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Brighton, St Peter ("the Charity") and its subsidiary ("the Group") for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Group Balance Sheet, the Charity Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Cashflow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions Relating to Going Concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- The PCC's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- The PCC have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Group's or the Charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least 12 months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, including the Report of the PCC, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The PCC are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BRIGHTON, ST PETER

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Opinions on Other Matters Prescribed by the Charities Act 2011

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken during the audit:

- The information given in the Report of the PCC, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- The Report of the PCC has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on Which we are Required to Report by Exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Group and its environment obtained during the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the PCC.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 require(s) us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- Adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- Certain disclosures of PCC members' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the PCC

As explained more fully in the PCC responsibilities statement, the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the PCC determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the PCC are responsible for assessing the Group's and the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the PCC either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken based on these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website.

This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BRIGHTON, ST PETER

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud, are: to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and its management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general sector experience, and through discussion with the trustees and other management (as required by auditing standards), and discussed with the trustees and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations (see below);
- We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: health and safety; General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); fraud; bribery and corruption, and employment law. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. The identified actual or suspected non-compliance was not sufficiently significant to our audit to result in our response being identified as a key audit matter.
- We considered the legal and regulatory frameworks directly applicable to the financial statements reporting framework (FRS 102 and the Charities Act 2011) and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK;
- We considered the nature of the charity's operations, the control environment and financial performance.
- We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit;
- We considered the procedures and controls that the charity has established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud; and how senior management monitors those procedures and controls.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included: testing manual journals; reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation; performing analytical procedures; and enquiring of management, and were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

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BRIGHTON, ST PETER**

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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Use of our Report

This report is made solely to the Group's and the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Group's and to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Group and the Group's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Mr Mark Cummins FCCA

Senior Statutory Auditor

for and on behalf of

TC Group

Statutory Auditors

Office: Steyning

Date: 14th October 2025

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
BRIGHTON, ST PETER
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Income from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	4	913,394	-	-	913,394	1,342,109
Charitable activities						
Ordinary ministry of the church	5	456,494	-	86,834	543,328	264,381
Other trading activities	6	81,381	-	-	81,381	32,257
Investments		6,121	-	-	6,121	227
Total income		<u>1,457,390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,834</u>	<u>1,544,224</u>	<u>1,638,974</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Raising funds						
Subsidiary expenditure		40,934	-	-	40,934	1,007
Other		2,880	-	-	2,880	4,544
		<u>43,814</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,814</u>	<u>5,551</u>
Charitable activities						
Mission Giving	7	84,352	-	-	84,352	30,000
Ordinary ministry of the church	7	1,025,163	-	87,185	1,112,348	1,444,983
Development of sites	7	271,742	-	-	271,742	42,976
		<u>1,381,257</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,185</u>	<u>1,468,442</u>	<u>1,517,959</u>
Total expenditure		<u>1,425,071</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,185</u>	<u>1,512,256</u>	<u>1,523,510</u>
Net gain/(loss) on investments	11	-	5,909	-	5,909	4,441
Transfers	17	170,046	(164,046)	(6,000)	-	-
Net income/(loss) and movement in funds		<u>202,365</u>	<u>(158,137)</u>	<u>(6,351)</u>	<u>37,877</u>	<u>119,905</u>
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		191,674	410,906	18,750	621,330	501,425
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2024	16	<u>394,039</u>	<u>252,769</u>	<u>12,399</u>	<u>659,207</u>	<u>621,330</u>

Unrestricted funds comprise both general and designated funds. Further details are shown in note 17.

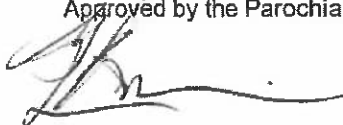
**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
BRIGHTON, ST PETER**

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	10	50,976	4,255
Investments	11	416,815	410,906
Total fixed assets		<u>467,791</u>	<u>415,161</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	128,970	51,605
Cash at bank and in hand	13	375,059	410,661
Total current assets		<u>504,029</u>	<u>462,266</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors falling due within one year	14	(312,613)	(256,097)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>191,416</u>	<u>206,169</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		659,207	621,330
NET ASSETS		<u>659,207</u>	<u>621,330</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted general	16	267,711	109,760
Designated	16/17	126,328	81,914
Permanent endowment	16/17	252,769	410,906
Restricted	16/17	12,399	18,750
		<u>659,207</u>	<u>621,330</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 19th May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Chris Willis
PCC Member / Treasurer

Charity registration number 1146642

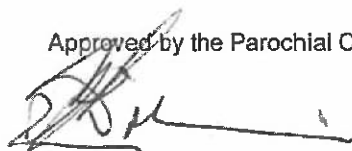
The notes on pages 27 to 41 form part of these accounts.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
BRIGHTON, ST PETER
CHARITY BALANCE SHEET**

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	10	50,976	4,255
Investments	11	416,817	410,908
Total fixed assets		<u>467,793</u>	<u>415,163</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	128,970	51,676
Cash at bank and in hand	13	371,551	409,688
Total current assets		<u>500,521</u>	<u>461,364</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors falling due within one year	14	(330,804)	(255,197)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>169,717</u>	<u>206,167</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>637,510</u>	<u>621,330</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>637,510</u></u>	<u><u>621,330</u></u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted general	16	246,014	109,760
Designated	16/17	126,328	81,914
Permanent endowment	16/17	252,769	410,906
Restricted	16/17	12,399	18,750
		<u><u>637,510</u></u>	<u><u>621,330</u></u>

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
BRIGHTON, ST PETER
CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities	21		4,726		145,394
Cash flows from investing activities					
Interest receivable		6,121		227	
Assets purchased	10	(52,771)		(2,500)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(46,650)		(2,273)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Loan movements	15	6,322		157,724	
Net cash from financing activities			6,322		157,724
Net increase / (decrease) in cash			(35,602)		300,845
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward			410,661		109,816
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward			375,059		410,661
Analysis of net cash/(debt)		At 1 January 2024	Cash flow	Non-cash changes	At 31 December 2024
		£	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	13	410,661	(35,602)	-	375,059

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
BRIGHTON, ST PETER
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. Statutory information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Brighton, St Peter ('Brighton, Saint Peter') is an unincorporated charity, incorporated in England & Wales. The registered number and principal office address can be found on the legal and administrative information page.

2. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared on behalf of the PCC in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – Charities SORP (FRS 102, effective 1 January 2019).

Brighton, Saint Peter meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

After making appropriate enquiries, the PCC have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The PCC have no material uncertainty with regards to the entity's ability to continue to continue as a going concern.

These financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functions currency of the charity. Figures included within these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

2.1 Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is possible.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised at the same time as the donation it relates to.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is possible.

Income from charitable activities

Income from events and courses is recognised on receipt and accounted for gross.

Grant income from the ordinary ministry of the church is accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is possible.

Income from investments

Interest entitlements on bank accounts are accounted for as they accrue.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.2 Expenditure

Mission giving

Grants and donations are recognised when the church is obligated to make the payment, it is probable that this payment will be made and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

Other expenditure relating to the work of the church

The parish's contribution to the costs of the Diocese is accounted for when payable.

Support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include administrative expenses, running costs, staffing, and governance costs. Governance costs comprise those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

2.3 Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and other church property

The PCC has the use of the consecrated and beneficed property of Brighton Saint Peter and this is excluded from the accounts by virtue of S.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings 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 (at any reasonable time).

The church halls and clergy accommodation are held in trust by Chichester Diocesan Fund on behalf of the PCC. These properties are essential for the mission of the church and no value has been placed on them as there is no likelihood of their being realised.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings is written off to the statement of financial activities.

Leasehold improvements, computer equipment and other equipment

Leasehold improvements and other tangible fixed assets are shown at historical cost less accumulated depreciation.

These assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The periods used are as follows:

Computer equipment	2 years
Other equipment	3 years
Leasehold improvements	2-10 years
Motor vehicles	3 years

Individual items with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at fair value.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investments in associates and subsidiaries are held at cost less accumulated impairment.

2.4 Debtors

Amounts owing to the PCC at the year-end in respect of gift aid due, fees, rents and other income are shown as debtors less any provisions for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes short term highly liquid investments.

2.6 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured and estimated reliably.

2.7 Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the Charity is entitled to the exemption for tax afforded by Part 10 of the Income Tax Act 2007 and Section 256 of the Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

2.8 Foreign exchange

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling and recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

2.9 Pension costs

Existing employees of the church are automatically enrolled into the money purchase defined contribution pension scheme, unless they do not qualify or have exercised their right to opt out of scheme membership. It is funded by contributions from employee and employer. Costs are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

2.10 Lease commitments

Payments under operating lease agreements are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease except where another more systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the lease's asset are consumed.

2.11 Accumulated funds

The funds of the charity currently comprise:

- Unrestricted funds that are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.
- Restricted funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.
- Designated funds that have been set aside for a specific purpose by the PCC.
- Endowment funds which are capital investments held for a specific purpose.

2.12 Accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

2.13 Group financial statements

The financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Bright City Collective Limited, on a line by line basis. A separate Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account for the Charity has not been presented as the Charity has taken advantage of the available exemptions.

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3. Legal Status of the church

The church is a charitable trust registered in the UK with The Charity Commission of England and Wales (registered number 1146642).

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations	891,008	-	891,008	1,328,246
Collections	19,006	-	19,006	11,940
Grants	3,380	-	3,380	1,923
	913,394	-	913,394	1,342,109

The income from donations and legacies was £913,394 (2023: £1,342,109), of which £913,394 was unrestricted (2023: £1,342,109) and £Nil was restricted (2023: £Nil).

The church is grateful for the donation of goods and services free of charge throughout the year from a variety of different sources. These have not been afforded an economic value in the accounts due to the impracticable nature of valuing these items. The church also benefits from the dedicated work of a great number of volunteers. In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

Included in grants and donations are government grants in the form of amounts received from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport for the value of input VAT on invoiced expenditure relating to the maintenance and restoration of the church buildings.

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Ordinary ministry of the church:</i>				
Events and courses	63,296	-	63,296	88,831
Grants	393,198	86,834	480,032	175,550
	456,494	86,834	543,328	264,381

The income from charitable activities was £543,328 (2023: £264,381), of which £456,494 is unrestricted (2023: £211,267) and £86,834 is restricted (2023: £53,114).

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6. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Other trading income	-	18,750	18,750	31,250
Bright City Collective Ltd income	3,538	59,093	62,631	1,007
	3,538	77,843	81,381	32,257

Income from other trading activities was £81,381 (2023: £32,257) of which £3,538 was unrestricted (2023: £1,007) and £77,843 was designated (2023: £31,250). Other trading income predominantly represents amounts received in relation to advertising displayed on temporary scaffolding around the church tower.

7. Expenditure on charitable activities - activities related to the furtherance of the church's objects

	Ordinary ministry of the church	Development of sites	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Clergy costs	173,764	-	173,764	130,751
Other staff costs	418,285	-	418,285	679,769
Church services and worships	8,552	-	8,552	9,835
Church courses and ministry costs	321,433	-	321,433	380,615
Church administration	74,096	-	74,096	92,401
Church running costs	91,603	-	91,603	84,322
Depreciation (note 10)	6,050	-	6,050	42,093
Governance costs	18,565	-	18,565	25,197
Mission giving (note 8)	84,352	-	84,352	30,000
Restoration of the bell tower	-	271,742	271,742	42,976
	1,196,700	271,742	1,468,442	1,517,959

Total expenditure on charitable activities - activities related to the furtherance of the church's objects was £1,468,442 (2023: £1,517,959) of which £1,381,257 was unrestricted (2023: £1,449,646) and £87,185 was restricted (2023: £68,313).

The charitable activity for which all support and governance costs relate is that of the ordinary ministry of the church, as mission giving and site development are activities which accrue costs of a direct nature only.

Included within governance costs are payments to the auditors of £18,300 for audit services (2023: £18,600) and £3,089 for other professional fees (2023: £4,620).

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8. Expenditure on charitable activities - mission giving

	Grants 2024	Grants 2023
	£	£
<i>Grants to institutions:</i>		
Alpha International	-	2,000
Love Southport	500	-
Brighton Light Trust	17,004	17,004
National Churches Trust	500	-
City Coast Church	-	3,000
Orphans International	3,000	-
Justlife Foundation	2,000	-
OneChurch Brighton	2,000	-
Kennedy Street Foundation	2,000	-
National Churches Trust	-	500
Orchards UK	1,138	1,000
Samara's Aid Appeal	-	2,000
St Cuthman's Church	15,000	-
Chapel Royal, Brighton	20,000	-
Off the fence	101	-
Other	19,859	3,196
	83,102	28,700
 Grants to 2 individuals (2023: 2 individuals)	 1,250	 1,300
 Total mission giving	 84,352	 30,000

All mission giving expenditure is unrestricted in both 2024 and 2023.

9. Staff costs, staff numbers and key management personnel

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	375,386	612,399
Social security costs	33,408	53,193
Pension contributions	9,490	14,177
	418,284	679,769

The average number of staff, excluding clergy, was 17 (2023: 33).

No staff members received emoluments from Brighton, Saint Peter in excess of £60,000 in 2024 (2023: None).

During the year redundancy payments totaling £Nil were paid (2023: £34,814).

Three members of the PCC received remuneration in the year (2025: Five). Kate Millest (Co-Lead Pastor), James Roe (Non-Stipendiary Curate) and Bob Barstow (Associate Vicar) were paid a total of £71,390 (2023: £115,021). Other than those receiving stipends from the Diocese, the senior management team consisted of the Co-Lead Pastor, Chief Operating Officer, Youth Lead and Finance Director. Senior management team remuneration for the year totalled £178,488 (2023: £238,380).

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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10. Tangible fixed assets

Charity and group

	Computer equipment £	Improvements to property £	Other equipment £	Total £
COST				
Opening balance 1 st January 2024	19,132	414,748	454,265	888,145
Additions	-	4,812	47,959	52,771
Closing balance 31 st December 2024	<u>19,132</u>	<u>419,560</u>	<u>502,224</u>	<u>940,916</u>
DEPRECIATION				
Opening balance 1 st January 2024	18,590	411,603	453,697	883,890
Charge for the period	250	1,675	4,125	6,050
Closing balance 31 st December 2024	<u>18,840</u>	<u>413,278</u>	<u>457,822</u>	<u>889,940</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 st December 2024	<u>292</u>	<u>6,282</u>	<u>44,402</u>	<u>50,976</u>
At 31 st December 2023	<u>542</u>	<u>3,145</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>4,255</u>

11. Investments

	Charity At fair value £	Charity At Cost £	Charity Total £	Group At fair value £
Fair value at 1 January 2024	410,906	2	410,908	410,906
Change in market value	5,909	-	5,909	5,909
Cost/fair value at 31 December 2024	<u>416,815</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>416,817</u>	<u>416,815</u>

The investments are held by The Diocese of Chichester & other trusts on behalf of St Peter's Church as a permanent endowment.

At the balance sheet date £272,624 (2023: £259,520) was held in the St John's School Fund which is to be used for the furthering of the religious and charitable work of the Church of England in the ecclesiastical parish. £49,327 (2023: £54,054) was held on the Edward Riley Memorial fund which is to be used for the provision of maintenance in the church hall. £74,799 (2023: £77,795) was held in the Vicarage fund. £20,065 (2023: £19,537) was held in the Vicar's Discretionary Fund.

The investment in Bright City Collective Ltd (a 100% owned trading subsidiary) is held at cost of £2 as at the balance sheet date (2023: £2). Details of the subsidiary's trading results can be found in note 19.

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12. Debtors

	Charity		Group	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	3,559	2,801	3,559	2,801
Gift aid due from HMRC	9,684	9,925	9,684	9,925
Amounts due from subsidiary undertaking	-	3,134	-	-
Other debtors	100,476	12,858	100,476	12,858
Prepayments and accrued income	15,251	22,958	15,251	26,021
	<u>128,970</u>	<u>51,676</u>	<u>128,970</u>	<u>51,605</u>

13. Cash at bank and in hand

	Charity		Group	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank	368,140	404,898	371,648	405,871
Cash in hand	3,411	4,790	3,411	4,790
	<u>371,551</u>	<u>409,688</u>	<u>375,059</u>	<u>410,661</u>

14. Creditors: amounts due within one year

	Charity		Group	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	23,663	28,537	23,663	28,537
Other creditors	19,660	5,610	19,660	5,610
Other loans (note 15)	164,046	157,724	164,046	157,724
Amount due to subsidiary	19,091	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	104,344	63,326	105,244	64,226
	<u>330,804</u>	<u>255,197</u>	<u>312,613</u>	<u>256,097</u>

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15. Other loans

	2024 £	2023 £
Other loans are wholly repayable in instalments as follows:		
Less than one year	164,046	157,724
	<u>164,046</u>	<u>157,724</u>

The church received unsecured loans from the Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance totalling £164,046, repayable only when and to the extent that the Charity Commission grants access to a specific endowment fund. Should the Charity Commission refuse or authorise only limited access, the outstanding balance will be converted to a grant and repayment will not be required. The loan is interest free.

16. Analysis of net assets by fund

Charity

Year ended 31 December 2024:

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Endowment funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Fixed assets	50,976	-	-	-	50,976
Investments	2	-	416,815	-	416,817
Current assets	361,794	126,328	-	12,399	500,521
Current liabilities	(166,758)	-	(164,046)	-	(330,804)
Fund balance	<u>246,014</u>	<u>126,328</u>	<u>252,769</u>	<u>12,399</u>	<u>637,510</u>

Year ended 31 December 2023:

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Endowment funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Fixed assets	4,255	-	-	-	4,255
Investments	2	-	410,906	-	410,908
Current assets	360,700	81,914	-	18,750	461,364
Current liabilities	(255,197)	-	-	-	(255,197)
Fund balance	<u>109,760</u>	<u>81,914</u>	<u>410,906</u>	<u>18,750</u>	<u>621,330</u>

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16. Analysis of net assets by fund (continued)

Group

Year ended 31 December 2024:

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	50,976	-	-	-	50,976
Investments	-	-	416,815	-	416,815
Current assets	365,302	126,328	-	12,399	504,029
Current liabilities	(148,567)	-	(164,064)	-	(312,613)
Fund balance	267,711	126,328	252,769	12,399	659,207

Year ended 31 December 2023:

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	4,255	-	-	-	4,255
Investments	-	-	410,906	-	410,906
Current assets	361,602	81,914	-	18,750	462,266
Current liabilities	(256,097)	-	-	-	(256,097)
Fund balance	109,760	81,914	410,906	18,750	621,330

17. Funds

Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01-Jan-24	Incoming resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31-Dec-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Hall Fund	7,400	-	(4,007)	-	3,393
Heat or Eat	1,977	-	(101)	-	1,876
Kempe Stained Glass Fund	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Livestream	60	-	(60)	-	-
LYN Grants & Fundraising	(825)	3,351	(2,526)	-	-
Play Café	1,000	-	(499)	-	501
Safehaven Fund	-	66,775	(66,775)	-	-
Safehaven Mother and Baby	399	-	-	-	399
Safehaven Probation	-	-	-	-	-
Breakfast Club	-	3,600	(3,600)	-	-
Safehaven Women	6,000	7,483	(7,163)	(6,000)	320
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	2,635	-	(1,792)	-	843
Miscellaneous	104	625	(662)	-	67
Total Restricted funds	18,750	86,834	(87,185)	(6,000)	12,399

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17. Funds (continued)

The Hall Fund comprises a grant from Benefact Trust towards major improvement works to the church hall.

The Heat or Eat Fund was money given by church members to be distributed to those experiencing financial hardship in the difficult economic climate.

The Kempe Stained Glass Fund relates to a grant received towards future repairs to certain historically significant church windows.

The Livestream Fund is money given towards set-up and running costs associated with live streaming the church's services.

The LYN Grant & Fundraising fund was created to provide support to vulnerable people within the local community. In 2022 it distributed hot water bottles and provided Christmas meals to those attending the Safehaven ministry.

The Play Café Fund was money given towards a new weekly community play café set up in the church.

The Safehaven Fund is money given to fund the operation of the weekly Safehaven drop-ins for vulnerable members of the community.

The Safehaven Mother and Baby Fund relates to income received to fund general Safehaven mother and baby work.

The Safehaven Probation Breakfast Fund relates to income received to provide a welcoming safe environment for HM Probation Service offender meetings.

The Safehaven Women Fund relates to income received to fund the running of the Safehaven women project. The transfer during the year is to correct the allocation of funds brought forward previously spent.

The Vicar's Discretionary Fund relates to amounts received towards activities at the Vicar's discretion.

The Miscellaneous Fund is used to hold monies given for various smaller projects; during the year this comprised a gift received towards training for the Communications team.

Permanent Endowment Funds

	Balance at 01-Jan-24	Incoming resources	Resources Expended	Transfers/ Gains	Balance at 31-Dec-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Investments	410,906	-	-	(158,137)	252,769
	<u>410,906</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(158,137)</u>	<u>252,769</u>

Investments are held by the Diocese of Chichester and CCLA on behalf of St Peter's Church. The investments were donated to the Church by the Diocese and the capital element of the fund must be held as a permanent endowment. The investment income generated from the funds can be used to support the activities of the Church.

The transfers/gains of £158,137 represent gains on investments of £5,909 (2023: £4,441) and the transfer of the loan from Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance to the endowment fund totalling £164,064 (see note 15 for further details).

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17. Funds (continued)

Designated Funds

	Balance at 01-Jan-24	Incoming resources	Resources Expended	Transfers/ Gains	Balance at 31-Dec-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Buildings fund	81,914	8,349	(15,944)	(74,319)	-
200 th Anniversary fund	-	299,625	(247,616)	74,319	126,328
	<u>81,914</u>	<u>307,974</u>	<u>(263,560)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,328</u>

During the year funds raised from advertising income and Archbishop Council grants were ring fenced as designated funds for the purpose of building related projects. Various building related projects were undertaken in the year.

The 200th Anniversary Fund is a sub-fund of the main Buildings Fund set up better to track income and expenditure associated with the fundraising and activities celebrating the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the church.

18. Commitments

Brighton, Saint Peter has agreed to lease the church building from The Church Renewal Trust for 120 years at a peppercorn rent.

At 31 December 2024 the charity had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases and contracts as follows:

	Land and buildings 2024	Land and buildings 2023	Other 2024	Other 2023
	£	£	£	£
Expiry date:				
Within one year	-	-	2,088	2,088
Between one and two years	-	-	6,264	8,352
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,352</u>	<u>10,440</u>

Operating lease payments of £894 (2023: £21,508) were made in the year under review.

19. Subsidiary company

On 8 January 2015 the charity subscribed for 100% of the share capital in a trading subsidiary, Bright City Collective Limited. Bright City Collective Limited is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom, company number 9379726.

The activity of the subsidiary has been consolidated within these accounts. The company's registered office and principal address are the same as the principal address of St Peter's church, Brighton.

The subsidiaries financial performance was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Total income	62,631	1,007
Total expenditure	(40,934)	(1,007)
Profit/loss	<u>21,697</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital and reserves	<u>21,699</u>	<u>-</u>

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20. Related Parties

Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB)

Charlie Coates, member of the PCC, is the son of the Vicar of Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB), the Revd. Richard Coates. During the year payments were made to HTB totalling £nil (2023: £nil) and income was received from HTB totalling £nil (2023: £6,551). At the Balance Sheet date £nil was owed to HTB (2023: £nil).

The Church Renewal Trust

Charlie Coates, member of the PCC, is the son of the Revd. Richard Coates, a trustee of the Church Renewal Trust. The Church Renewal Trust has agreed to take a 120-year lease from The Chichester Diocesan Fund & Board of Finance on the church building, at a peppercorn rent. It has been agreed to lease the building on, at a peppercorn rent, to the new Anglican Parish of Brighton, St Peter.

Alpha International

Charlie Coates, member of the PCC, is the son of the Revd. Richard Coates, a trustee of Alpha International. James Stinson and Chris Williams, members of the PCC, are employees of Alpha International. During the year payments were made to Alpha International totalling £9,699 (2023: £nil), and grants were received from Alpha International totalling £nil (2023: £1,204) and income was received totalling £250 (2023: £nil). At the Balance Sheet date £nil was owed to Alpha International (2023: £nil). The church donated £nil to Alpha International (2023: £2,000).

The Church Revitalisation Trust (CRT)

Charlie Coates, member of the PCC, is the son of the Revd. Richard Coates, a trustee of the Church Revitalisation Trust (CRT). During the year payments were made to CRT totalling £7,710 (2023: £3,250) and grants were received from CRT totalling £39,250 (2023: £8,353). At the Balance Sheet date £nil was owed to CRT (2023: £nil).

The Chichester Diocesan Fund and Board of Finance (DBF)

Revd. Daniel Millest and Revd. Helen Garratt, members of the PCC, are trustees of DBF. Sarah White, member of the PCC, is a member of the DBF Operating Committee. The church received grants from DBF totalling £22,153 (2023: £86,178). The church received unsecured loans from DBF during the year totalling £6,322 (2023: £157,724), repayable only when and to the extent that the Charity Commission grants access to a specific endowment fund.

PCC Members & Connected Parties

During both 2023 and 2024 PCC members made various donations to the church.

Three members of staff were also members of the PCC (R Barstow, K Millest, J Roe). The church paid a total of £63,145 (2023: £101,896) in respect of such staff. Two of these were also related to members of the PCC: K Millest (spouse) and J Roe (spouse). R Barstow and J Roe are no longer on staff.

Leslie Taylor and Revd. Daniel Millest, members of the PCC, are also members of the PCC at St Cuthman's Church, Whitehawk (SCW). James Roe, member of the PCC, joined the staff at SCW during the year. During the year Brighton, St Peter made payments to SCW of £123 (2023: £nil) and recharged costs of £3,619 (2023: £6,000). At the Balance Sheet date £1,350 (2023: £1,326) was due from SCW, and a £900 grant received from CRT was due to be passed to SCW. The church donated £5,000 to SCW (2023: £520) and passed on a £963 grant received from CRT.

Christopher Lomas, member of the PCC, is also a member of the PCC at St Matthias Church, Fiveways, Brighton (SMF). During the year the church made payments to SMF of £nil (2023: £3,839) and recharged costs of £9,211 (2023: £6,799). At the Balance Sheet date £482 (2023: £1,020) was due from SMF. The church donated £nil to SMF (2023: £520).

Revd. Daniel Millest, member of the PCC, is also a member of the PCC at St Leonard's Church, Aldrington, Hove (SLH). During the year the church made payments to SLH of £nil (2023: £10,780) and recharged costs of £3,688 (2023: £18,355). At the Balance Sheet date £1,370 (2023: £225) was due from SLH.

Toluwa Oyeleye, Samantha Brewer, James Stinson, Charlie Coates and Revd. Daniel Millest, members of the PCC, are also trustees of Spear Brighton Trust. During the year the church recharged costs and other expenditure of £nil to Spear Brighton Trust (2023: £nil). The church donated £nil to Spear Brighton Trust in the year (2023: £nil).

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20. Related Parties (continued)

During the year the church made payments of £200 (2023: £520) to Off The Fence Trust. Sarah White, member of the PCC is an employee of Off The Fence Trust.

During the year the church made payments of £1,150 (2023: £750) to Bridge the Gap Football. Charlie Coates, member of the PCC, is an employee of Bridge The Gap Football.

Hannah Turpin, member of the PCC, is a self-employed artist. During the year the church purchased artwork and merchandise to the value of £522 from Hannah and her trading style Hanmade Designs (2023: £N/A).

During the year barista services with a value of £3,600 (2023: £1,254) were provided to the church Play Café and Alpha Ministry under contract with Julia Jacob and at the balance sheet date £100 was owed to her (2023: £nil). Julia Jacob is the spouse of Ben Jacob, member of the PCC.

During the year paint was purchased from C Brewer & Sons Ltd with a value of £1,068 (2023: £2,163) and at the balance sheet date £nil was owed to them (2023: £64). Samantha Brewer's spouse is a director of C Brewer & Sons Ltd.

During the year photocopier services were contracted with Phoenix Business Group Ltd with a value of £781 (2023: £2,121) and at the balance sheet date £nil was owed to them (2023: £nil). Alison Beal's spouse is a director of Phoenix Business Group Ltd.

During the year production and filming services were provided to the church by Fruitmedia Ltd with a value of £5,000 (2023: £nil) and at the balance sheet date £nil was owed to them (2023: £nil). Anthony Jones, member of the PCC, is a director of Fruitmedia Ltd.

21. Net cash inflow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Reconciliation to changes in resources		
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	37,877	119,905
Interest received	(6,121)	(227)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	6,050	42,093
(Gain)/loss on investments	(5,909)	(4,441)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(77,365)	80,537
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	50,194	(92,473)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	4,726	145,394

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22. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>				
Donations and legacies	1,342,109	-	-	1,342,109
Charitable activities				
Ordinary ministry of the church	211,267	-	53,114	264,381
Other trading activities	32,257	-	-	32,257
Investments	227	-	-	227
Total income	1,585,860	-	53,114	1,638,974
<u>Expenditure on:</u>				
Raising funds				
Subsidiary expenditure	1,007	-	-	1,007
Other	4,544	-	-	4,544
	5,551	-	-	5,551
Charitable activities				
Mission Giving	30,000	-	-	30,000
Ordinary ministry of the church	1,376,670	-	68,313	1,444,983
Development of sites	42,976	-	-	42,976
	1,449,646	-	68,313	1,517,959
Total expenditure	1,455,197	-	68,313	1,523,510
Net gain/(loss) on investments	-	4,441	-	4,441
Net income/movement in funds	130,663	4,441	(15,199)	119,905
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2023	61,011	406,465	33,949	501,425
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2023	191,674	410,906	18,750	621,330