



Annual Report and Accounts

for the Parochial Church Council of
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, TWERTON ON AVON

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PCC

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Legal and administrative information

Charity details

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Twerton on Avon. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells, within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Rectory, Watery Lane, Twerton, Bath, BA2 1RL.

Charity Registration number: 1147405

Details of Trustees

PCC Members are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Elected members normally serve for three-year terms.

The following served as trustees and as members of the PCC during the year following the APCM:

Incumbent (Chair):	Richard White (January-June)
Team Vicar:	Vacant (role likely to be dissolved)
Curate:	Ben Knotley (January-February)
Church Wardens:	Chris Tatchell Michael Smith
Deputy Church Warden:	Vacant
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Rachel Hicks Scott Wheatley
Treasurer:	Tom Riley
Secretary:	Kirsty Pitkin
Safeguarding Officer:	Qamar Rafiq
Elected Members:	Richard Eaton Nicky Grizzell Lisa Morris James Hicks

Structure, governance and management

Governing Constitution

The PCC is governed by two pieces of Church of England legislation, called Measures. These are the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure (1956) and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969, as amended).

Recruitment of Trustees

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), other churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. In addition, ordained clergy who are licensed to the parish are ex officio members of the PCC, as are the elected representatives to Deanery Synod and representatives from the Parish who are Diocesan Synod members. All those who attend our services and members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Nominations are called and persons voted for at an Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Use of volunteers

The PCC employs a number of staff but also makes significant use of volunteers to carry out its work. Volunteers are involved in all aspects of the work and are supervised by leaders accountable to the PCC.

Organisational Structure

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met twelve times during the year. Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a small number of committees which sometimes meet between full meetings of the PCC, with each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life, as detailed below:

Visionary Leadership Committee: Comprising some PCC members and other lay and staff representatives of church ministries assisting the Rector and PCC in discerning vision for local ministry. We did not need to meet this year.

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. We met once this year.

Missions Committee: Assisting the PCC on external giving matters. We did not need to meet this year.

Marlbrook Finance Committee: Comprising a selection of PCC members, admin staff and volunteers from both churches to discuss, draft proposals and advise on matters of joint finance across the team ministry. We met once this year.

Risk Management

The PCC reviews the key risks facing the Church, the controls in place to mitigate them and any action required on an ongoing basis. The PCC continues to review and develop the strategic direction of the Church and considers how its exposure to risk changes as a result.

Objectives

Background

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Michael's Church, the Lighthouse Centre, and the Rose Cottage.

Purpose: To follow Jesus in living upwards to God, inwards to each other, and outwards beyond the church walls.

Vision: To see God's river of life transform the church, Twerton and Oldfield Park. (Ezekiel 47)

Mission: Refuge and rescue

- Providing places of refuge to those in crisis and those in need (Lighthouse Ministry)
- Introducing Jesus, our rescuer, through extended families on mission reaching out to people of peace (Missional Communities)

These aims and objectives are in line with the deanery's current threefold vision:

- Prayerfulness
- Hospitality
- Innovation

Strategy for achieving the objectives

The 'Gathered and Scattered' approach to operating as a church community has its challenges but continues to bear fruit primarily in enabling a disciple-making culture with a clear balance of UP-IN-OUT. There are six Missional Communities at St Michael's each with the mandate to

become extended families of disciples on mission to reach and make new disciples in pockets of Twerton and beyond:

- Roots & Shoots (reaching those with roots in Christianity)
- Agape (loving and drawing in those on the edge)
- Wild Church (modelling kingdom family across the generations)
- Bread and bread (modelling hospitality by sharing meals together)
- Bellringers (reaching out through the joyful tradition of bellringing)
- Marlbrook Minis (reaching out to young families with toddlers)

We also operate our Lighthouse ministries:

- Lighthouse Café at Rose Cottage (opens Monday - Thursday)
- Lighthouse Chaplaincy at St Michael's Junior School (three days a week)
- Lighthouse Centre hosts a food bank distribution run by a team of volunteers from St Michael's Church and Genesis (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

See detailed reports from Lighthouse Ministry staff below.

Public Benefit Statement

The PCC takes its responsibilities as a charity very seriously. The church has always contributed a great deal to the community and will strive to continue to do so. The reports below describe some of the work that St Michael's has undertaken over the last year and includes reports for the Lighthouse Ministry.

The PCC seeks to be as inclusive as possible in its work and strives to reach out to people of all ages and backgrounds. Our aim is to involve as many people as possible in both running and participating in events and activities, many of which are facilitated by volunteers. The worship, groups and activities are open to anyone within and outside the local community. The Church building, the Lighthouse Centre and the Rose Cottage are important local resources and are used by various groups and individuals not directly connected to the Church for their own activities and events.

While many who join us in our gatherings are very generous in their donations to the PCC, there is no requirement for anyone attending services to donate money to the church. Any charges levied for specific activities and events are kept as low as possible, and the PCC will always look to help where people are struggling to afford the cost.

The PCC has forged strong links with a range of individuals and organisations. It supports the work of other churches and charitable organisations in Bath, the UK and throughout the world to promote the Christian faith and to help the vulnerable and needy from all faiths and backgrounds.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Activities and engagement

Church attendance

At the time of the APCM there were 38 names on the electoral roll, compared to 73 names in March 2024. As with many churches this does not necessarily provide the most accurate picture of attendance. There are many on the electoral roll who don't attend regularly and many more who are not on roll who attend both Missional Communities and Sunday Celebrations regularly.

Leadership Team Report

2024 has been a year of change with key people moving on but we also employed new members of staff.

In February, we said goodbye to Ben Knotley after Richard White had announced that he was leaving the church and the Church of England and could therefore no longer mentor Ben. Ben moved to Holy Trinity, Combe Down so that he could continue his training as a curate.

In June, we appointed Jo Fee as our Children and Youth Leader. She works for both churches in the Marlbrook Team. Shortly after starting she established the Marlbrook Minis toddler group in the Lighthouse Centre on a Friday morning.

In June, Gwen Kearley retired as the chaplain of St. Michael's Junior School after many years of faithful and fruitful ministry characterised by a love of the children and parents. In her place we appointed Beth Cook as the new chaplain to begin working in the school from September.

Richard, Catherine, Ben and Joshua left at the end of June as Richard was unable to get assurances about support that Richard needed from Bishop Michael as he was against the decision taken by the General Synod on the issue of LLF which the Bishop supports.

In December, we said goodbye to Nathan and Lucy and their family as God had clearly directed Nathan to a new job with Genesis in Bath and also as a Pioneer Minister with St. John's, Keynsham. They are sadly missed by both the Church and the community. Mike Smith has taken on the role of being in charge of the Lighthouse Ministry on a voluntary basis until the new Minister is appointed, and an advert was placed for a cook for Rose Cottage Café.

In June, we began the period of vacancy (interregnum) which ends when a new minister takes up their role. The place of the Rector was then the responsibility of the wardens, Mike Smith and

Chris Tatchell. Both churches in the Marlbrook Team began receiving support from the Diocese which included visits by Bishop Michael, Rev Claire Horton and the Rev Debbie Pow.

Archdeacon Adrian left and was replaced by Rev Charlie Peer. There were several meetings to explain the process of vacancy and we had a joint meeting of the two churches to discern the heart of Marlbrook, what it does and how God is using it to further the kingdom in our communities. All the information was then passed on to the Parish Profile team made up of Tim Brind and Scott Joyce representing St. Michaels and Kirsty Pitkin and Carol Campbell representing Ascension. They then set about the immense task of producing the Parish Profile.

Before leaving Richard set up a Leadership Team consisting of the wardens from both churches and various others.

Because of the division in the church over the decision by the General Synod on LLF we had support from Rev Claire Horton and the Rev Justine Woolley in separate meetings to help heal the hurt felt by both sides.

The saga of the pews being sold by mistake while they were in the care of Bath Abbey continued. It was established who they had been sold to and that he had sold them on to various buyers. He contacted them to see if any were willing to sell them back to us but they all declined and so we could do no more. The Chancellor accepted that we had done all that we could to retrieve some of the pews and granted a permanent faculty for their removal. However, the temporary faculty to lay a carpet did not become permanent and we were instructed to remove it at some point. This will have to be dealt with by the new incumbent.

Finances continued to be a cause for concern but Tom our treasurer did a valiant job and throughout the year the situation improved. We are still facing great difficulties and we were only able to pay half of our parish share to the diocese.

We still have the Quinquennial reports findings to resolve. The cost of the proposed work is in the region of £1-2 million. Again, this is going to be a challenge for the new incumbent. It is likely that a bid will have to be made to the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Missional communities continued throughout the year and continued to attract new members. Agape, Roots and Wild Church meet at different times throughout the week. Wild Church and Jo Fee oversee family events throughout the year, such as an Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Fair and Christmas Party. Again, a challenge for the new incumbent will be to decide whether Missional communities continue as they are and how to structure the service pattern for both churches so that it is manageable.

During the vacancy it has been the role of the lay leadership of both churches to undertake the responsibility for managing the churches activities, worship and mission. They have endeavoured to maintain the unity of Marlbrook but with each church having a separate identity.

The staff have taken on additional responsibilities and tasks handed over to them by the departing Rector.

As is usual during a vacancy, some members of the church have left but some have also joined. Overall, the number attending services has dropped slightly.

During the year many people stepped up and into roles that have been demanding and we are very thankful for their commitment and hard work. There are also many people who give of their time and talents who often go unnoticed but who are vital for the smooth running of the church and its activities and outreach. The body of Christ needs everyone to do their part so that the body remains healthy.

Finally, we look forward to appointing a new incumbent, confident that God will put in place the right person to build on the faithful work preparing the ground and sowing the seed of the gospel undertaken by the previous ministers. Let's continue in prayer for the new season ahead.

Chris Tatchell (churchwarden)

Wardens' Report

Church

Roof repairs

Following the theft of roof lead in March 2023, our Ecclesiastical insurance claim was finally granted and Emery Building Company carried out and completed the repairs in November 2024. The church architect Mark Taylor visited during repair work and was very impressed by the standard of work. Smartwater forensic liquid was also applied to the necessary areas of the roof, as per the conditions of the insurance company. All costs associated are to be reimbursed under the insurance claim.

Boiler and heating

DME Heating Engineers serviced the boiler at a cost of £175.77. Large-scale repair work (£1,155.71) to the boiler now means the heating works. We also installed a variable resistor at a cost of £617.31.

Church cleaner

Due to funding pressures, the church cleaner's contract ceased in May, causing increased workload for staff. Volunteers were sought to help and we made an appeal to reinstate the cleaner with offers of giving.

Churchyard and Lighthouse gardener

Due to funding pressures, the gardener's contract ceased in May.

Mice

A mouse and evidence of mice were observed so traps were installed. The hospitality team and church users were advised to observe cleanliness and tidiness. No more mice have been seen since.

Lighting upgrades

The overhead lights have been upgraded to LEDs by ACE Energy. The electricians costs were £2,982.92 and scaffolding costs were £720. Funding for the lighting upgrades was obtained from Medlock Trust (£1,200) and Sabina Sutherland Trust (£500).

Pews removal

In June, the wardens received a faculty decision from the Diocese solicitor (Stone King) that they had agreed to the permanent removal of the pews (but not the floor covering i.e. carpets). The contestment was taken to Bath Abbey and as a gesture of goodwill they will pay the registry fee (£270). A private buyer had sold our pews - see faculty documentation for full details.

Tree plaque

In June, the wardens granted permission for Treescapes to put plaques on two trees in the churchyard: the giant redwood (*sequoiadendron giganteum*) by the entrance path and the common yew (*taxus baccata*) to the south side of the church. This is part of the Treescapes trails of Twerton and Bath.

Bells

In September, the Bell Ringers Association provided local bell ringers to teach bell-ringing every Thursday evening.

Uprising in flooring in kitchen

In October, Chris Tatchell investigated underneath flooring but found no apparent reason for the bulge in the floor. The area was made safe whilst we seek advice for what might cause the uprising.

Lighthouse Centre

Garden

The ceasing of the churchyard gardener's contract has impacted the gardening in the Lighthouse Centre garden. This needs attention but we lack volunteer capacity. The users and projects of the Lighthouse Centre are keen to use the garden and they do try to contribute. The Twerton Hackers group tends the garden when they have capacity. The current risks of the unkempt and under maintained space are noted.

Funding for utilities costs

Leonard Laity Stoate Trust donated £1,500 in May towards the utility costs associated with the Lighthouse Centre.

Rats

In July, rats in the outside bin. Swift action was taken in regards to pest control and the building's users were told not to put rubbish in the bin outside but take it home or down to the large waste bin at Rose Cottage.

Housekeeping

A new dishwasher was donated by Sainsburys. We introduced a new housekeeping policy which is displayed to cover the dishwasher and to increase cleanliness in regards to risk of pests.

Rose Cottage

Café kitchen extractor and ventilation system

REAL CKS Ventilation Services quoted £10,880 for a system design and install in February. Further research and attention needed.

Thrift Shop café

In February, Nathan oversaw Rachael starting a thrift shop cafe in Rose Cottage. Nathan went through all lawful checks and obligations with the Charity Commission and council.

Redecorating café

Throughout the year Iain and Susan Kyle blessed the café with their artistic talent and redecorated the area, with the permission of the wardens.

Bleed Box

In June, BANES council installed a bleed box for the community with the wardens permission. The church is not responsible for its maintenance or use.

Play pirate ship

Nathan secured funding from Curo and Travis Perkins (£1,500) to install new play equipment and garden furniture for Rose Cottage.

Food standards agency

In November, the Food Standards Agency health inspector carried out a spot-check on the café, finding mice droppings and other more administrative issues. Nathan thought it best, with the agreement of the inspector, to voluntarily temporarily close down the café to deep clean the premises and follow the inspector's requirements. This also included booking in a pest control agent. The FSA officer re-inspected and was pleased with the team's efforts. He will visit again as a follow-up in 2025.

Upstairs room hire

A Christian counselling business called 'Well-Being Garden' were interested in leasing the upstairs. Due to our inexperience of such matters the wardens and staff opted to seek proper legal advice and diocesan advice regarding tenancy and then also wait for the future incumbent's and churches' vision and priorities.

Fire risk assessments

Fire risk assessments on all three buildings were carried out as per schedule in November by Radcliffe Fire at a cost of £720. A detailed report with remedial actions was presented to the PCC. The report advised that Rose Cottage café needs commercial standard wired in smoke alarms urgently as the domestic smoke alarm system is not good enough for a commercial cafe. We are currently awaiting the quote.

Chris Tatchell and Mike Smith (churchwardens)

Deanery Synod Report

Rev. Debbie Pow has been working as Assistant Area Dean, with Rev. Roger Driver taking over from Stephen Girling as Area Dean in September 2024.

February 2024

The main point of discussion was the new online portal for the Parish Giving Scheme, which the diocese encourages all parishes to adopt.

The purpose of this scheme is to switch to an electronic online device for giving and donations; but also register on the PGS website so people can donate remotely through the website. This allows all churches to gain immediate donations either from services or visitors via a debit/credit card donation. The online portal also allows people to choose to make a regular payment by direct debit.

The benefits of the Parish Giving Scheme include:

1. The money goes to the Church quicker.
2. The diocese is able to contact all direct debit givers and notify them of any change in inflation, allowing them to up their donations if they wish.
3. It is a quicker and more efficient way for churches to gain their Gift Aid credit.
4. Improving safety by not having cash left on Church premises.

St Michael's has signed up for the Parish Giving Scheme. However, we will still be accepting cash donations as well.

May 2024

We heard stories of 'God in the grass roots', such as the work of the chaplains at the universities, plus about youth ministry across Bath: 'The open generation', encouragement from a city-wide Alpha, the ministry of 'Incoming' 18s-30s and student ministry.

There were also presentations from Grace Church, who were founded under a Bishop's Mission Order, and also about a new monastic community: 'Still Waters'; information from a leader of 'Greenhouse', a national initiative for building new worshipping communities.

Bath Abbey, a 'Living church and not just a historic monument' and City Chaplains also shared about their vision and work.

We heard about a Deanery Pastoral Care course that had run.

September 2024

Jenny Hollingsworth and Matthew Pinnock from the Diocese gave a presentation on Parish Share, looking at the new Common Fund system, which is a new Benefice Share system with foundation principals of:

- Mutual support and generosity
- Transparency
- Independent data
- Awareness of local context

This is calculated in three parts:

- **Part A:** The cost of paid for stipendiary ministry deployed to a benefice.
- **Part B:** Diocesan wide costs e.g., archdeacon, curates...
- **Part C:** Mutuality and generosity contribution of Parts A and B to support areas of multiple deprivation and areas of rural sparsity.

Questions about this were answered and other related updates, including about how a paper was presented to the Bishop's Council about paying parish share via the Ephesian Fund but it was decided it could be managed internally under restrictions within the diocese.

Rachel Hicks and Scott Wheatley (Deanery Synod representatives for St Michael's)
Mirren Derby (Deanery Synod representatives for Ascension)

Staff Reports

Lighthouse ministries

The PCC desires to see the community within Twerton reached with the good news of the gospel. The Lighthouse outreach initiatives are the expression of love and gospel of the St Michael's Church in Twerton.

In 2024 the following activities constitute our outreach to the community:

Lighthouse Centre

The Lighthouse Centre continues to host the Genesis Food Bank which provides food and support on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Food vouchers are required to access this service. During 2024, approximately 38 people visited the Food Bank and received food each week. Other agencies such as the Developing Health and Independence (DHI), Bath College have used the Lighthouse Centre to provide support and encouragement to many people with a variety of needs.

The Lighthouse Centre also hosts Bath Community Kitchen (BCK), which is an organisation established during Covid and uses communal meals and cookery workshops to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of people in Bath and the surrounding areas. During 2024, BCK provided free three course healthy and delicious meals at the lighthouse. The aim of BCK is to inspire people to eat and cook healthily. BCK is at the Lighthouse Centre every Thursday

evening and has been a great success. It is a great atmosphere where anyone and everyone from the community is welcome. The food is fantastic, well prepared and served by a team of volunteers. The people that come are from a diverse range of backgrounds and social status. The average number of people is between 25-30. It is great to be part of something that is really serving the community in a kind and positive way.

The Lighthouse Centre also hosted community groups such as the Rainbows and Brownies, and The Nest Project, which provides resources for families with very young children.

Chaplaincy at St Michaels Junior School

After the retirement of Gwen Kearley in July, Beth Cook was appointed as our new chaplain to St Michael's Junior School and started work in the school in September 2024. The funding for the post is currently made by the school and contributions from Willats Trust and a donor. Applications will be made so the funding will continue. Feedback from the teaching staff is very positive in Beth's contribution to school life.

Gwen and Beth participated in or contributed to the following activities:

- Chaplaincy training day and School Leaders and Parish Partners Conference at Flourish House
- An emotions coaching course
- Taking a group of seven Year 4 children to visit Cleeve Court Dementia Care Home each week, forming strong bonds
- Preparing the termly and weekly Collective Worship rotas and leading worship once a week
- Helping Jo Fee (Children and Youth Leader) during her termly visit to lead collective worship
- Forming a group of twelve mini-chaplains from Years 4 and 5. They help to lead collective worship once a fortnight and try to live out the Christian values on the playground
- Meeting one on one with a number of children who need someone to talk to/pray with
- Helping the school to lead their Christmas Worship at the church where it was full of children and parents (standing room only!)
- Making pom-poms with the BIF club (Bible Is Fun Club) for the Bath Welcomes Refugees Christmas market stall
- Running a prayer space for children to engage with prayers for **their home** (families and school), **our neighbours** (people in other countries who may be struggling- particularly because of the climate crisis), **power** (those making big decisions for our world) and the **environment** (for creation and showing how we can look after it well). Some prophetic drawings and prayers came from this time.
- Establishing a culture at break and lunch time where children can come and chat about what's going on in their lives
- Sending out a weekly reflection to all staff and invite them to pray

- Meeting weekly with some staff before school to pray
- Serving hot chocolate and a biscuit to those who pay 50p which helps to raise money for fun things for the children or for special events
- Encouraging children to take part in the 40 acts challenge during lent - encouraging generosity.
- Planning an Easter Experience at the church for each class to attend Easter prayer spaces.

Twerton Hackers

The Twerton Hackers consist of the churchwarden Mike Smith and three other men and occasional volunteers who visit the homes of folk who are struggling to maintain their garden or house. All of the men are retired and bring various skills and experience to clear gardens and do repairs to enable vulnerable people to have the opportunity to take control of their garden or parts of their home.

The Twerton Hackers work for two hours a week on Tuesday mornings. Names of people requiring assistance come from contacts within the church and social services.

Some examples of the work include:

1. Clearing a vegetable patch and building a metal shed at St Michaels School.
2. Continuing to maintain two areas of land to create a community garden. This has included planting many bulbs for spring flowers
3. Clearing the garden in the Lighthouse Centre
4. Assisting a woman in a wheelchair who could not get access to her garden because it was so overgrown. It took three weeks to clear the garden with numerous visits to the recycling centre.

The aim of the Twerton Hackers is to express the love of God in a practical way. Those receiving the help are made aware that we represent their local church and they are given a Gospel of Mark and the leaflet 'Journey into Life.' One man whose garden we did has come to men's curry nights and the Christmas services.

Bell Ringing

In the summer, a group of visiting bell ringers came to St Michaels. A number of church folk attended to listen and decided to create a bell ringing group from St Michaels. PCC representative Scott Wheatley arranged for two trainers to attend on Thursday evenings and during the summer and winter a number of folk have become regular attenders and been trained to ring the bells.

Instruction and practice takes place every Thursday evening and it is pleasing that some people

from outside the church are attending and taking part in the bell ringing. We are also glad that there is a wide range of people learning to or practicing ringing bells. This includes teenagers.

There has been a favourable response from the community. It is hoped that the bell ringing will 'proclaim' to the community the church is active and welcoming.

Rose Cottage

The Cafe and Charity Shop is the main outreach initiative of St Michaels Church. In 2024, Nathan Gale continued to manage and inspire the volunteers throughout the year. Rachel Fowden continued to manage the Thrift Shop at Rose Cottage. A range of clothing and bric-a-brac are for sale and there are regular visitors. There were initial problems with clothing etc being left outside Rose Cottage but donations are now being well managed and rarely are donations left outside the property.

With food donations from Fare Share and Bookers Cash and Carry, meals are provided at a very good price in the cafe. The cafe is generally open from Monday to Thursday and continues to provide a range of food for the community. The PCC are very grateful for the commitment and enthusiasm of the volunteers who regularly work at Rose Cottage. Nathan is paid by the church but Rose Cottage would not be able to open without the help of the volunteers.

The PCC are also grateful for the generosity of Curo and Travis Perkins, who donated money to purchase a children's climbing frame which is in the form of a pirate ship. The Twerton Hackers used their DIY skills to build the frame. It has been well used and is for children under eight years old.

The Cafe has also provided space for agencies to 'drop in' and we have used a table to inform the community of the service they provide. This has included the department of work and pensions and Bath Funeral Directors.

Unfortunately, during an inspection by the Environmental Health evidence of mice was found in the store cupboard and other areas on the ground floor. The cafe was closed for a few days for a deep clean to take place and locations where mice could get access were identified and sealed. The cafe now has regular visits by a pest control company.

Nathan left at the end of 2024. The PCC decided that a cook should be recruited to continue the good food at affordable prices. We are pleased that Morgan Lynch was successful in the interview and started in January 2025.

Mike Smith (Lighthouse Outreach Lead)

Children and Youth

2024 saw my appointment across Marlbrook as Children and Youth Leader. This began in a voluntary capacity from March-June 2024 and turned to paid employment from 17th June 2024. During the start of my appointment, I held a vision evening which gave the congregation an opportunity to share the main areas of provision and their hopes for the future. I have broken up this report into subcategories Sundays, outreach work, involvement with schools and hopes for the future.

Sundays

There has been a focus on a Sunday morning to improve the provision provided on a Sunday morning in the Lighthouse Centre on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. I had meetings with parents and the teams at St Michaels to discuss how we could achieve this and the steps forward. We reinstated a group for the older children which meet in the Food Bank room. This provided a space for older children to flourish and be able to explore their faith in a deeper way. We adapted the structure of the morning for the younger group several times to suit the needs of the children better. Across Marlbrook we have also reinstated having an action worship song and an all-age game during the service. The children seem to have responded well to this change in structure. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays we have Wild Church which has been running for a few years. There are regular meetings to discuss how this is going. I have joined the leadership team for Wild Church. For months with a 5th Sunday it has been agreed that these will be Marlbrook wide altogether services, which I will lead.

Outreach work

During 2024 we held several outreach events to reach the local community to encourage more families into the church and to spread the gospel. These events were an Easter egg hunt, a family fun day and a Christmas party. These were birthed from the Wild Church team but the whole of Marlbrook was encouraged to get involved, both through donations and helping out on the day. We have reflected on these after each event and have made amendments along the way to ensure that we are improving upon these each time. Additionally to this, in September we launched a toddler group on a Friday morning for parents and toddlers to come along for an hour and a half which follows a very simple routine and is another chance to reach the community.

Schools

I have had meetings with Becky (head) and Beth (chaplain) at St Michael's Junior School about how the church can be involved in the work already going on at the school. We agreed that I will lead a collective worship assembly once every six weeks to support the links between the church and school. This is also an opportunity to talk about Wild Church and to encourage families to come along to this.

Hopes for the future

We would love to see the children and youth work grow in 2025 and beyond. It is my prayer that the team will grow and we will see many of the congregation be stirred to help with the children in some capacity whether that is helping on a Sunday morning or with the outreach events that are happening. It is also my prayer that we will see more families coming to church regularly and will get to know the love and hope that I and so many others have in our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. It would also be amazing to be able to offer more regular outreach for the youth in the area.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank everyone at St Michaels for the love, encouragement and grace they have shown me since I have taken on this role. I truly would not have been able to do this role without the continued support that you have all shown me. I would also like to say a special thank you to the wardens, the Marlbrook minis team, the Sunday morning teams and the Wild Church team. I simply could not do my role without you and I am so thankful to you.

Jo Fee (Children and Youth Leader)

Finance report

Our main priorities this last year have been to significantly reduce our deficit while not cutting back on our mission to the community. We also wanted to leave ourselves in a position to show willing to the Diocese and pay a reasonable proportion of our parish share, without breaching our reserves policy. I am pleased to report that all these objectives have been achieved. This is no mean feat, particularly in the current economic climate and given the fact that we were in an interregnum for the last 6 months of the year.

So we are truly thankful to God for his amazing provision, through the continued faithfulness and generosity of members of our congregation as well as various Trusts who have enabled this to be possible. We are also thankful to all those who have worked so hard and volunteered their time, including those from our community who have given literally hundreds of hours to serving in Rose Cottage and elsewhere.

Note on deficit:

1. While the end of year receipts and payments deficit was just under £17.5k (down from £32.5k the year before), this figure was in spite of us not receiving the £10.5k Gift Aid recovery for 2023 in this financial year that we were due. If this tax had been recovered before the year end (as would have been the case, had we not encountered an issue with HMRC), the cash deficit would have been reduced to approx £7k. With the gains recorded in our investment assets of just over £5k, our total net assets would have reduced by just £2k.

2. Our plan for next year is to reduce the deficit to zero, while still continuing to pay at least 50% of our parish share.
3. Our unrestricted reserves are down to £31.6k, but this figure would have been just over £42k had the Gift Aid been recovered (which it now has been). So we have managed to remain within our reserves policy which states that the PCC '*aim to hold reserves equal to three months' unrestricted running costs*'.

Significant factors to note this year include:

- 10% increase in regular giving.
- 87% increase in other donations. (This did include leaving gifts for Richard, our vicar, Gwen, our former chaplain, and Nathan, our Lighthouse Manager).
- 21% reduction in utility costs.
- 34% reduction in administration costs
- 58% reduction in maintenance costs.
- 3% increase in annual salary costs. Pay rises from June for church staff to keep pace with inflation, but we did cut back on paying for gardening and church cleaning, relying instead on the kind help of volunteers.
- Rose Cottage café opened two extra days from April, and incorporated a community thrift shop on a Monday, increasing our ministry to the community but also increasing net annual revenue (in spite of rising food costs) by nearly £2.5k, while still keeping prices low and affordable for local customers, many of whom are struggling financially.
- Charitable giving (included in 'external donations'): we reduced our regular giving by £240/mth from April, by ceasing to support for Lux and Southside Family Project. However, we continued our regular support for the following charities: Open Doors, Mercy in Action, Genesis Trust, Ripple Effect (formerly Send a Cow), CMJ and Bridgecare. NB. The increase showing against 'external donations' is due to leaving gifts being included this category, as well as advances for Jo Fee's salary which were repaid in full (shown as 'other income') by Ascension church (the other church in our benefice) which pays her wages.
- Parish share: we managed to pay 50% this year (up from 30% the previous year).
- Revenue from rents/hires was 45% down, in spite of attempts to boost bookings. This was due in part to the loss of regular bookings from NEST, the Brownies and ACT, but also due to local organisations having reduced budgets to use our facilities. However, we did gain two new bookings that fitted with our vision to serve our community – one from Bath City Football Club, the other from Bath Community Kitchen. Even though our buildings are well used by the church and community, there is still plenty of capacity (in particular, we are still yet to rent out the upstairs of Rose Cottage). So, there is definitely potential to increase revenue from bookings next year.

We would like to thank the following for their generous grants over this past year:

- **Medlock Trust:** £1,200 towards new lighting in the church.
- **Sabina Sutherland Trust:** £500 towards new lighting in the church.
- **Curo:** £1500 for equipment at Rose Cottage

- **Jeff & Margo Lestz Foundation:** £500 towards our missional communities
- **Willats Trust:** Half of our chaplain Gwen's salary from April to July. Sadly, this grant couldn't be transferred to our new chaplain Beth, and fresh applications were closed until 2025.
- **Leonard Laity Stoate Charitable Trust:** £1,500 towards Lighthouse utility costs.

I would also like personally to thank Colin Goater, our independent examiner, for his kindness, wisdom and help, and Leigha Shakespeare, our trainee bookkeeper who has worked so hard to keep on top of all the complexities of our accounts.

A massive thankyou is also due to our amazing congregation, church wardens, PCC, staff and numerous volunteers without whose efforts our ministry would not have been able to continue. And the biggest thank you of all goes to our wonderful faithful Father in heaven, who has provided for us and encouraged and sustained us through his love, faithfulness and grace throughout a challenging year.

Tom Riley (Treasurer)

PCC responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The PCC is responsible for all parish finance, its management and control, including the appointment of a treasurer. While it may delegate some of its duties, this does not remove its legal responsibilities.

Charity law requires the PCC as trustees of the Church to prepare an annual report and financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the Church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. The PCC is also required to ensure that these are subjected to an annual independent examination or audit and to present these to the APCM in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

In preparing these financial statements, the PCC is required to:

- 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 financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and applicable accounting standards.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

St Michael's Twerton
Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	74,719.22	351.56	25,471.36	-	100,542.14	93,999.47
Income from charitable activities	29,689.38	-	-	-	29,689.38	25,465.97
Investments	404.11	-	2,840.40	-	3,244.51	2,885.35
Other income	4,730.12	-	-	-	4,730.12	5,639.83
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	109,542.83	351.56	28,311.76	-	138,206.15	127,990.62
Payments						
Raising funds	-	-	-	277.25	277.25	277.25
Expenditure on charitable activities	102,259.06	26,768.46	26,134.96	-	155,162.48	160,079.53
Other expenditure	175.00	-	-	-	175.00	175.00
Total Payments	102,434.06	26,768.46	26,134.96	277.25	155,614.73	160,531.78
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	7,108.77	(26,416.90)	2,176.80	(277.25)	(17,408.58)	(32,541.16)
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	38,079.52	50,552.96	14,731.18	277.25	103,640.91	42,678.35
Gross transfers between funds - out	(45,153.32)	(29,950.38)	(28,537.21)	-	(103,640.91)	(42,678.35)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	34.97	(5,814.32)	(11,629.23)	-	(17,408.58)	(32,541.16)
Net movement in funds	241.16	(5,814.32)	(12,051.89)	5,158.79	(12,466.26)	(32,541.16)
Reconciliation of funds						
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	28,722.08	8,511.12	36,844.83	136,342.58	210,420.61	242,961.77
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	28,963.24	2,696.80	24,792.94	141,501.37	197,954.35	210,420.61

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Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets		
6401: Vernon Terrace	51,000.00	51,000.00
6402: St Peters Black Rock	7,200.25	6,817.72
6403: St Peters M&G	74,005.79	70,218.98
6404: Twerton-on-Avon SS Trust CCLA	9,295.33	8,305.88
Total Fixed assets	141,501.37	136,342.58
Current assets		
01: PCC Twerton C/A	14,643.45	17,923.79
02: PCC Twerton Savings	3,305.09	3,153.23
03: Church Building Fund	-	-
04: Rec House C/A	7,657.23	9,923.17
05: Rec House Savings	-	-
06: Rose Cottage Cafe C/A	23,152.24	26,176.11
07: Rose Cottage Centre C/A	8,111.17	17,317.93
08: Rose Cottage Centre Savings	-	-
09: Vicar's Pastoral Account	-	-
10: Vicar and Churchwardens C/A	-	-
1003: St Peter's SS - Black Rock CIF Accumulat	-	-
Total Current assets	56,869.18	74,494.23
Liabilities		
6699: Agency collections	416.20	416.20
Total Liabilities	416.20	416.20
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	197,954.35	210,420.61
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	(17,408.58)	(32,541.16)
Z01: Starting balances	210,420.61	242,961.77
Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	4,942.32	-
Total Reserves	197,954.35	210,420.61

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	28,963.24	28,722.08
Designated	2,696.80	8,511.12
Restricted	24,792.94	36,844.83
Endowment	141,501.37	136,342.58
Total	197,954.35	210,420.61

St Michael's Twerton
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
CharDon - Charitable donations	168.60	-	-	-	-	-	168.60
Cleaner Fund - Cleaner Fund	-	280.00	-	-	-	-	280.00
ComeToTable - Come To The Table	2,004.60	-	439.60	(1,125.60)	-	-	439.40
Ephesian Fund - Ephesian Fund	-	301.56	-	-	-	-	301.56
GrdwkRes - Groundwork grant	440.00	-	-	-	-	-	440.00
MisComms - Mssionals Communities	58.52	500.00	96.59	-	-	-	461.93
Parish Share - Parish Share	19,958.64	-	16,500.00	(3,458.64)	-	-	-
WarmSpace - Warm Space	1,040.90	-	-	-	-	-	1,040.90
General - General fund	28,722.08	109,542.83	102,434.06	(7,073.80)	-	206.19	28,963.24
AssocMn - Associate Minister	1,425.60	-	-	-	-	-	1,425.60
LightCandF - Lighthouse Children and Families	51.27	12,071.76	13,188.16	1,112.18	-	-	47.05
Youth - Youth Work	5,463.76	-	-	-	-	-	5,463.76
Interns - Internships	473.40	-	31.00	-	-	-	442.40
ChurchBuil - Church Building	11,767.65	3,234.50	4,138.63	(5,300.00)	-	-	5,563.52
Lighths - Lighthouse	4,532.51	4,788.06	3,478.94	-	-	(422.66)	5,418.97
RecHoProj - Rec House Projects	4,729.02	-	-	(4,624.02)	-	-	105.00
LightCafe - Lighthouse Cafe	(13,617.28)	4,211.44	10,641.50	20,327.63	-	-	280.29
RoseCBuild - Rose Cottage Building	2,159.92	-	-	-	-	-	2,159.92
BellFund - Bell Fund	23.00	96.00	-	-	-	-	119.00
SendaCow - Send a Cow	40.00	-	-	-	-	-	40.00
WeekendAwy - Church weekend away	719.53	-	-	-	-	-	719.53
Farewells - Farewell Gifts from church	165.00	3,180.00	3,210.00	(135.00)	-	-	-
Vicar - Vicar's Pastoral	3,751.31	-	1,179.00	-	-	-	2,572.31
VerTerr - Vernon Terrace	51,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	51,000.00
BlackRock - St Peters Black Rock	6,817.72	-	277.25	277.25	382.53	-	7,200.25
MandG - St Peters M&G	70,218.98	-	-	-	3,786.81	-	74,005.79
CCLA - Twerton-on-Avon SS CCLA	8,305.88	-	-	-	989.45	-	9,295.33
Totals	210,420.61	138,206.15	155,614.73	-	5,158.79	(216.47)	197,954.35

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Analysis of Receipts and Payments Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Receipts						
Donations and legacies						
001 - Giving	2,426.35	-	121.00	-	2,547.35	2,691.50
002 - Planned Giving, GA	36,514.74	50.00	2,976.50	-	39,541.24	34,485.77
003 - Grants	1,500.00	-	15,879.76	-	17,379.76	15,278.77
004 - Donations	14,439.98	-	6,071.44	-	20,511.42	10,971.23
006 - Tax Recovered (Gift Aid)	57.50	-	422.66	-	480.16	10,810.92
010 - Planned Giving, Non GA	19,780.65	301.56	-	-	20,082.21	19,761.28
Donations and legacies Totals	74,719.22	351.56	25,471.36	-	100,542.14	93,999.47
Income from charitable activities						
005 - Rents/Hires	5,730.00	-	-	-	5,730.00	10,327.02
009 - Church Activities	196.80	-	-	-	196.80	81.86
011 - Weddings	880.00	-	-	-	880.00	1,268.00
012 - Funerals	228.00	-	-	-	228.00	261.00
013 - Cafe Receipts	22,654.58	-	-	-	22,654.58	13,528.09
Income from charitable activities Totals	29,689.38	-	-	-	29,689.38	25,465.97
Investments						
007 - Interest	151.86	-	-	-	151.86	-
008 - Investment	252.25	-	2,840.40	-	3,092.65	2,885.35
Investments Totals	404.11	-	2,840.40	-	3,244.51	2,885.35
Other income						
019 - Other income	4,730.12	-	-	-	4,730.12	5,639.83
Other income Totals	4,730.12	-	-	-	4,730.12	5,639.83
Receipts Grand Totals	109,542.83	351.56	28,311.76	-	138,206.15	127,990.62
Payments						
Raising funds						
133 - Investments	-	-	-	277.25	277.25	277.25
Raising funds Totals	-	-	-	277.25	277.25	277.25
Expenditure on charitable activities						
101 - Administration	5,244.94	-	-	-	5,244.94	8,004.43
102 - Salaries	40,880.31	1,808.57	12,279.56	-	54,968.44	52,904.70
103 - HMRC	6,268.55	-	-	-	6,268.55	5,996.13
104 - Pensions	2,673.96	-	1,348.20	-	4,022.16	3,351.80
105 - Staff Expenses	23.89	-	-	-	23.89	154.28
106 - Mission and training	176.00	35.59	61.00	-	272.59	6,715.89
107 - Church Activities	448.45	-	-	-	448.45	1,863.00
108 - Equipment	1,445.82	86.66	500.00	-	2,032.48	4,557.76

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
109 - Insurance	4,279.12	1,455.72	-	-	5,734.84	5,428.16
110 - External Donations	15,115.12	-	4,389.00	-	19,504.12	11,720.00
111 - Pastoral	218.14	-	-	-	218.14	300.00
112 - Bank Charges	18.93	-	-	-	18.93	-
113 - Cleaning	2,170.76	-	-	-	2,170.76	1,415.33
114 - Utilities	4,942.21	5,174.78	3,418.57	-	13,535.56	17,159.21
115 - Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	106.93
116 - Worship	50.44	-	-	-	50.44	-
119 - Minor maintenance	5,543.42	35.00	2,982.92	-	8,561.34	15,170.29
120 - Major maintenance, church	43.20	-	1,155.71	-	1,198.91	4,975.00
121 - Cafe Activities	12,058.01	1,672.14	-	-	13,730.15	7,034.03
122 - Rec Project Activities	-	-	-	-	-	44.00
124 - Children and Families Activities	-	-	-	-	-	80.00
126 - Diocese	440.00	16,500.00	-	-	16,940.00	9,979.32
127 - Major maintenance, Rec H / Rose C	-	-	-	-	-	3,030.25
131 - Cost of refreshments	217.79	-	-	-	217.79	89.02
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	102,259.06	26,768.46	26,134.96	-	155,162.48	160,079.53
Other expenditure						
132 - Independent Examiner	175.00	-	-	-	175.00	175.00
Other expenditure Totals	175.00	-	-	-	175.00	175.00
Payments Grand Totals	102,434.06	26,768.46	26,134.96	277.25	155,614.73	160,531.78

St Michael's Twerton

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) As at: 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Investments						
6401: Vernon Terrace	-	-	-	51,000.00	51,000.00	51,000.00
6402: St Peters Black Rock	-	-	-	7,200.25	7,200.25	6,817.72
6403: St Peters M&G	-	-	-	74,005.79	74,005.79	70,218.98
6404: Twerton-on-Avon SS Trust CCLA	-	-	-	9,295.33	9,295.33	8,305.88
Total	-	-	-	141,501.37	141,501.37	136,342.58
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
01: PCC Twerton C/A	3,217.37	(448.50)	11,874.58	-	14,643.45	17,923.79
02: PCC Twerton Savings	203.59	-	3,101.50	-	3,305.09	3,153.23
04: Rec House C/A	2,990.45	1,911.25	2,755.53	-	7,657.23	9,923.17
06: Rose Cottage Cafe C/A	20,938.19	1,234.05	980.00	-	23,152.24	26,176.11
07: Rose Cottage Centre C/A	1,613.64	-	6,497.53	-	8,111.17	17,317.93
Total	28,963.24	2,696.80	25,209.14	-	56,869.18	74,494.23
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	416.20	-	416.20	416.20
Total	-	-	416.20	-	416.20	416.20
Net total assets	28,963.24	2,696.80	24,792.94	141,501.37	197,954.35	210,420.61
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	28,963.24	-	-	-	28,963.24	28,722.08
Designated - Ephesian Fund	-	301.56	-	-	301.56	-
Designated - LightCafe	-	321.64	-	-	321.64	1,187.00
Designated - LightCandF	-	47.05	-	-	47.05	47.05
Designated - Lighths	-	2,026.55	-	-	2,026.55	2,653.05
Designated - RecHoProj	-	-	-	-	-	4,624.02
Restricted - AssocMn	-	-	1,425.60	-	1,425.60	1,425.60
Restricted - BellFund	-	-	119.00	-	119.00	23.00
Restricted - CharDon	-	-	168.60	-	168.60	168.60
Restricted - ChurchBuil	-	-	5,563.52	-	5,563.52	11,767.65
Restricted - Cleaner Fund	-	-	280.00	-	280.00	-
Restricted - ComeToTable	-	-	439.40	-	439.40	2,004.60
Restricted - Farewells	-	-	-	-	-	165.00
Restricted - GrdwkRes	-	-	440.00	-	440.00	440.00
Restricted - Interns	-	-	442.40	-	442.40	473.40
Restricted - LightCafe	-	-	(41.35)	-	(41.35)	(14,804.28)
Restricted - LightCandF	-	-	-	-	-	4.22
Restricted - Lighths	-	-	3,392.42	-	3,392.42	1,879.46
Restricted - MsComms	-	-	461.93	-	461.93	58.52
Restricted - Parish Share	-	-	-	-	-	19,958.64
Restricted - RecHoProj	-	-	105.00	-	105.00	105.00
Restricted - RoseCBuild	-	-	2,159.92	-	2,159.92	2,159.92
Restricted - SendaCov	-	-	40.00	-	40.00	40.00

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Restricted - Vicar	-	-	2,572.31	-	2,572.31	3,751.31
Restricted - WarmSpace	-	-	1,040.90	-	1,040.90	1,040.90
Restricted - WeekendAwy	-	-	719.53	-	719.53	719.53
Restricted - Youth	-	-	5,463.76	-	5,463.76	5,463.76
Endowment - BlackRock	-	-	-	7,200.25	7,200.25	6,817.72
Endowment - CCLA	-	-	-	9,295.33	9,295.33	8,305.88
Endowment - M&ndG	-	-	-	74,005.79	74,005.79	70,218.98
Endowment - VerTerr	-	-	-	51,000.00	51,000.00	51,000.00
Total	28,963.24	2,696.80	24,792.94	141,501.37	197,954.35	210,420.61



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	St Michael's and All Angels Church, Twerton, Bath PCC		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2024	Charity no (if any)	1147405
Set out on pages	<div>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</div>		
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,• to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and• to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.		
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records <p>I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>		
Signed:	<div>Colin M Goater</div>	Date:	<div>7th Apr 2025</div>
Name:	<div>Colin Michael Goater</div>		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	<div></div>		
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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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