

The Parochial Church Council
of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of North Abingdon

Registered Charity No. 1153844

Annual Report
and
Financial Statements

1 January to 31 December 2024

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Administrative Information

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Trustees

The following served as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) during 2024, or part thereof.

Incumbent	Revd Keith Dunnett	Inducted as Vicar on 3 July 2018
Clergy	Revd Kath Cooke	Associate Vicar from 3 July 2018 to March 2024
	Revd Phil Cooke	Associate Vicar from 3 July 2018 to March 2024
	Revd James Whymark	Inducted as Associate Vicar on 7th August 2024
	Revd Andrew Gilmour	Ordained as Curate on 03 July 2022
	Revd Ros Steel	Ordained as Curate on 03 July 2022
LLM Representatives	Miss Anne Taylor	
Wardens	Mr Andrew Lowe	Elected as Warden Jan 2021
	Dr Cherry Tweed	Elected as Warden April 2022
Deanery Synod	Mr Martin Steel	From April 2017, re-elected Treasurer May 2024
	Mr Ben Jeapes	From Oct 2020, re-elected Secretary May 2024
	Dr Sue Robbins	From Oct 2020
	Dr Jeremy Fry	From Oct 2020
	Dr Penelope Smith	From Oct 2020
	Mr Eric Graham	From April 2023
	Mr Roland Knight	From April 2023
	Col Emil Jeevaratnam	From April 2023, Lay Member from Oct 2020
Elected Lay Members	Mrs Val Challis	From April 2017
	Mr Philip Bingham	From April 2018 to April 2024
	Mrs Hilary Beale	From April 2019, re-elected Deputy Warden April 2023
	Mr James Ross	From April 2022
	Mr Nalin Kadodwala	From April 2022
	Dr David Hancock	From April 2022, elected Deputy Chair April 2024
	Mrs Lesley Chapman	From April 2022
	Mrs Sandra Pell	From April 2022
	Mrs Sarah Smith	From April 2022
	Mrs Maureen Weston	From April 2023
	Mr David Greenaway	From April 2023
	Mrs Elizabeth Bance	From April 2023 to April 2024
	Ms Deborah Kong	From April 2023

Mrs Ruthy Trevitt
Mr Vinoth Gurusamy
Mr Nigel Chown

From April 2023
From April 2024 (previous co-opted from April 2023)
From April 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of North Abingdon is responsible for the activities at Christ Church, operating on two sites in North Abingdon (the church site on Northcourt Road, and at Long Furlong Primary School).

The Peachcroft Christian Centre is located within the Parish of North Abingdon. It is an ecumenical church, recognized by the Baptist Union, the Church of England, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. However, the Peachcroft Christian Centre is independent of the PCC and its activities and finances are not included in this report.

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and registered with the Charity Commission. The governing documents for the PCC are the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956 as amended and the Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019 and the associated Church Representation Rules 2020.

Trustees of the PCC are either *ex officio* or lay members who are elected in accordance with the provisions of the Church Representation Rules. Lay members are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held in April. Elected lay members serve for a three-year term, with approximately one-third retiring each year. All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. On appointment, PCC members receive a document which outlines their legal responsibilities as trustees. In addition, the Chairman provides an introduction to the structures of the Church of England and the role of the PCC during its first meeting following the APCM.

The *Standing Committee* (comprising the Incumbent (Vicar), Associate Vicars, church wardens, deputy wardens and treasurer) has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

The PCC operates through a number of Working Groups, which meet as required between full meetings of the PCC. The chair of each Group is responsible for reporting back to the PCC, but need not be a member of the PCC. Other members of the Working Groups may be from the PCC or from the wider church body.

- The *Mission Support Group* (MSG) manages the budget and other support given to mission partners working overseas and in the UK and short-term mission activities by church members. The MSG seeks to raise awareness of the world-wide church and to encourage every member of the church to participate through prayer, giving or direct involvement
- The *Health and Safety Group* monitors all matters relating to health and safety and ensures that relevant policies are kept up to date and risk assessments carried out

- The *Social Justice Group* was established to focus on ensuring that Christ Church delivers on its vision of being “compelled by love, gospel centered, kingdom focused, welcoming to all and passionate about justice”
- The *Eco Church Group* was established in 2017 to guide the church in ways of living that care for creation
- The *Buildings Group* is currently led by the Operations Manager, supported by the the rest of the Standing Committee and the Buildings Adviser
- The *Foodbank Working Group/Foodbank Steering Group* is responsible for the operational and financial activities of the Foodbank and operates using guidance from the Trussell Trust with whom we established a relationship in 2020. Periodic reports are made back to the wider PCC for the purposes of transparency and governance
- The *Kingsgate Missional Community* was established to seek God's ongoing leading for the new estates, beyond the Dunmore Road. House-to-house visiting has been taking place throughout the year and several social events have been held
- The *Long Furlong Leadership team* supports the Associate Vicar in leadership of the Long Furlong congregation

The Barns Cafe is established as a separate company with its own board of Directors. The Vicar and churchwardens act as Directors of the cafe.

The day-to-day operations of the church are delegated to the staff team employed by the PCC under the direction of the Incumbent or, in his absence, by the Associate Vicar. The Operations Manager continues to provide capacity to manage the site, other church properties and to undertake maintenance and capital projects. It has also provided additional capacity to deliver central support functions in areas such as administration, HR, ICT and Health and Safety (see above).

The PCC is exposed to risks associated with buildings, finance, legislative compliance and health and safety.

- Buildings are insured and regularly inspected. The PCC continues to budget for and carry out a rolling programme of repairs and maintenance. The Long Furlong congregation meet weekly in Long Furlong Primary School (under a formal Transfer of Control Agreement entered into by the School and the PCC) with the children’s work taking place in the nearby Long Furlong Community Centre. These arrangements have worked well for many years and continue to be of mutual benefit
- Finances are managed by the parish treasurer within a budget approved by the PCC and performance is regularly reported to the PCC. Appropriate financial controls are in place. The majority of our income comes, under God, from the regular giving of our current members, so the importance of prayer and also communication with donors is recognised. We give thanks to all those who contribute financially to the missional and ministry life of CCA. Traditionally, early each financial year, the church designates a Sunday to support church members to consider how they can steward the financial resources available to them. As part of this, the congregation is asked to review their financial support for the work of the church and use of the Parish Giving Scheme is strongly encouraged. Information on financial performance is reported to the congregation at the APCM.
- Legislative compliance. The PCC is committed to fully meeting its responsibilities relating to Health and Safety, Data Protection, Safeguarding, employment law and other pertinent legislation

- Policies are in place for Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable adults, use of Social Media and Video Conferencing in Children and Youth Work, Mentoring for Youth Work, Data Protection and Health and Safety. These policies are available at [Safeguarding and other policies at Christ Church Abingdon \(cca.uk.net\)](http://cca.uk.net)
- The Barns Café Ltd follows the *Safer Food, Better Business* food management system. The operations, systems and procedures of the Barns Café have maintained a 5 star rating since 2013 with the most recent inspection in September 2024: standards are also monitored between inspection visits by local authority environmental health. All staff and volunteers are appropriately trained in food safety and preparation, and receive training in health and safety procedures. Staff and supervisors are also trained in first aid. To mitigate risks to the PCC, the Barns Café Ltd is incorporated as a Private Limited Company (Company No. 08794014), with the PCC of the Parish of North Abingdon as the sole shareholder. The Vicar and wardens are *ex-officio* directors with up to three others appointed by the shareholder at PCC meetings

The charity trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

Objectives and Activities

The main objective of the PCC is (in accordance with the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended) to cooperate with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The main areas of activity are:

- Regular public worship, open to all
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved
- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- Taking of religious assemblies in schools
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings and the distribution of literature
- The provision of Christian youth activities
- Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other groups
- Supporting other Christian charities in the UK and overseas
- To provide a service to the community by allowing local groups to hire rooms on the site for their legitimate activities

God has called the church to face outwards, engaging with and serving the local community. As well as our Sunday Services to which we welcome all, in person and through live streaming services, our primary outreach ministries are the Foodbank, run in partnership with The Vineyard Church in South Abingdon, and part of the Trussell Trust, and the Barns Cafe.

We are committed to seeing God's Kingdom extended beyond Abingdon through our Mission Partners. Throughout the 63 years since Christ Church was founded there has been a steady stream of members of our congregations called to various forms of mission service. We have an active Mission Support Group. In 2024 the budget for support for our mission partners and gap-year mission volunteers was £89,000, around 15% of the total church budget.

Volunteers

Since its inception, Christ Church has had a strong tradition of lay involvement and leadership in all areas of ministry. Church members are actively encouraged and equipped to grow as disciples of Jesus: to develop and use their gifts, skills and passions, spending time with Him, and being sent out by Him. The PCC recognises and greatly appreciates the essential contributions made by a large number of volunteers in giving time, money, skills and other resources to the life of the church, for example leading services, preaching, worship, children's work, youth work, Foodbank, the Barns Cafe, Prime Time, pastoral ministry, setting up Long Furlong School each week, hospitality, welcome and many other areas of church life: as noted above, the church has identified around 100 such areas. Volunteer numbers have started to increase again, but it is worthy of note that volunteers in day time ministry areas is an area of concern.

Grant-making

The PCC believes that it is right to use part of our income to support people and projects engaged in Christian mission outside the parish. Through the Church in Abingdon, an organisation consisting of multi-denominational Churches across the Abingdon area, we contribute to mission and social action projects around Abingdon. Through the Mission Support Group, we use approximately 15% of our income to support a number of long-term mission partners. During 2024, several partnerships ended, and the Mission Support Group began to discern the types of mission organisations we might be being prompted to provide support for in future. There has been a shift from sending out UK based mission partners and individuals, to supporting mission organisations in countries where their mission is based. We are expecting to being partnerships with new mission organisations early in 2025.

Public Benefit

The PCC is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in their administration of the Parish. Examples of this public benefit can be found in the activities reported above and other parts of this report.

Achievements and Performance

Review of the Year

Christ Church Abingdon is a busy Church, there is much to be thankful for. Examples of this are demonstrated in this report. However, during the last annual reporting cycle, the PCC had recognised that this level of output and its associated ways of working were not sustainable, which triggered a thorough, external review of how CCA operates. Charlie Cleverly, previously of St Aldates, Oxford, was commissioned to conduct the review with the objective of:

“...reviewing the leadership, management structure, and underlying culture at Christ Church Abingdon, and recommend improvements that will enable everyone to thrive in ministry and lay the foundation for future growth”.

The review was completed predominantly during the Summer of 2024. It consisted of interviews with past and present staff, current Leadership including Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC members, and observing Sunday services, and in week ministry areas. The report focussed on collaborative leadership, team working, managing difference, prioritisation, line management and operational structure.

The report created as part of this exercise was both encouraging, and appropriately challenging. There was much praise for our Sunday services across both sites, highlighting the atmosphere, organisation, quality and presence of God. His experience of midweek ministries elicited positive comments about the calibre of people involved in running them. Yet, as expected, those who were interviewed did talk about “keeping the machine going”, tiredness, communication challenges and the general problem of attracting new volunteers.

The report details a whole raft of recommendations, ranging from smaller tactical items through to major strategic work. The PCC has reviewed and digested the report and has identified a number of actions which are planned for the first half of 2025, including a period of discernment of what we believe God is telling us about our priorities for this coming season, and therefore what we might need to pause or prune, and the development of a documented parish governance model ensuring all staff and volunteer leaders have clarity about their roles and purposes. There will be more communication about this in 2025.

As detailed in the last annual report, Kath and Phil Cooke moved on after 7 years leading Long Furlong. We are deeply grateful for all they contributed to Long Furlong and the wider Parish during that time. During 2024 a full and thorough recruitment process, involving the Archdeacon of Dorchester and Bishop of Dorchester was conducted to find a new Associate Vicar to lead Long Furlong and wider parish activities. James Whymark was licensed as Associate Vicar in August. We welcome him, Jenni and their children to Christ Church and Abingdon.

Sunday services continue to be well attended, with Long Furlong and Northcourt Road seeing new attendees from across the area. Livestream services continue at both sites; the public recording of the 9:30 service at Northcourt Road typically attracting between 50 and 100 views during the week or so after the service..

Life groups are at the heart of Church life - meeting both in homes and on the church site during the week. There are currently 21 groups at NCR and 6 at Long Furlong, plus two missional communities and a Local Houses of Prayer group. These groups are co-ordinated by Maureen Weston at Northcourt Road and Sheila and Simon Furlong at Long Furlong. These continue to flourish and are a key part of our individual journeys in faith and a great way to deepen friendships and pray for one another. Encouragement to join life groups is often delivered through services. During the year a New Comers Lifegroup ran, for those new to Christ Church. This short term lifegroup then connects attendees with other established life groups to help to build community.

Christ Church Abingdon is blessed with many volunteers. Approximately 60% of members regularly volunteer their time and gifts to the various ministries across the Church. Even so, there continues to be pressure points in some areas - Sunday technical teams and worship teams, for example. Part of our discernment of priorities and our operating model will include how we might be able to tackle this issue.

Children and Youth have had another busy year. Numbers of children and youth have not recovered since covid, and indeed mirror the downward trend seen across the diocese and nationally. In both Children and Youth teams there continues to be opportunities for outreach - prayer spaces and assemblies in primary schools reach up to

420 and 950 children respectively. In the Youth team, a new relationship with Abingdon & Witney College has ended, but a door has opened at a local secondary school which we pray will be fruitful, particularly in a world with polarising politics, popularism and disinformation, connecting children and youth to Jesus is ever more important.

As previous years, our two key Children and Youth events ran successfully - Youth Weekend Away and Holiday Club both well attended and well supported.

The Barns Cafe has continued to flourish. It continues to operate 5 days per week, plus most Saturdays. The staff and volunteer team are amazing, and continue to offer a welcome that captivates those who visit. During the Summer Annie Brooke stepped down as Cafe Manager. Jo Walker successfully interviewed for the role, and moved from her administrator role. Jo has continued the good work that Annie had started on simplifying menus, reviewing costs and thinking, with the team, about delivering the missional side of the Cafe's objectives. As a result the cafe made a surplus during 2024 for the second year. This has enabled us to replenish the equipment fund, and will also help offset increased costs as a result of the budget announcement regarding changes to employer national insurance contributions. The cafe's vision remains to be a welcoming place that is a pleasure to come to; which demonstrates the love and values of Jesus; and which succeeds as a business. We continue to see the Cafe providing a gateway to Christ Church for us; it is a great place where our ministries come together and connections are made, across Foodbank, midweek onsite groups and so on. After much prayer we have been blessed with an increase in volunteers and income enabling us to continue to operate sustainably.

The Foodbank continues to provide a lifeline to those in need across Abingdon and we continue to see an increase in need. 2024 was also a year of internal change and uncertainty. Ruth Atkins left at the end of March and we had over 6 months without a manager until Philip Bingham started in late October. During this time Foodbank Coordinator Aga Candan and two volunteers Toby Whale and Lyndsey Smith did a huge amount of extra work to maintain the service and we are very grateful for their generous commitment.

During 2024 the Foodbank:

- Responded to 2,850 requests for help (2023: 2,791)
- Distributed 8,188 food parcels (2023: 6,973)
- Helped 616 households (2023: 587)

65 tonnes of food, toiletries and cleaning items were distributed, of which over 40% had to be bought. Donations of food are generous but cannot keep pace with demand.

The Foodbank does not only give out food. Thanks to a Trussell Trust initiative we are able to refer clients to Citizens Advice, where there is a dedicated advisor for our clients. In the 6 months April-September 2024, we referred 40 clients; during that period Citizens Advice managed to obtain £45,000 of extra income for our clients, with a further £29,000 in the pipeline.

Financially the foodbank has continued to be blessed. Donations in the last few years have outstripped our needs, so that at 30/9/2024 we had a balance of £285,000. However a fairly rough initial budget indicates an operating deficit of £20,000 for 2025.

We continue to offer a wide range of ministries across Christ Church. The wide range of ministries offered by the church has continued, including

- **Link and Singing Circle** for parents and carers of pre-school young children
- Several groups offering **Coffee** and Fellowship on church premises or in homes
- **Roots**, our gathering for those in their 20s-30s, led by one of our curates
- **60+**, an umbrella ministry gathering together a range of groups aimed at this age groups, including a fortnightly midweek older people's service called Thursday Fellowship, termly socials, an annual Christmas meal
- **Footprints**, a group for those who have been bereaved, which meets monthly drawing in people from across the community. Through a period of discernment this ministry ended in 2024.
- **Men@CCA** which offers several gatherings a year for men, such as Saturday Breakfast with a speaker, an annual quiz, BBQ, Middle Eastern food with a visiting speaker, and prayer triplets. Several men also attend the annual CVM "The Gathering" event in Swindon.
- a **mentoring** scheme, with trained mentors offering to walk alongside church members on a 1:1 basis during particular seasons in their life
- a monthly **Cake and Create** group, a fortnightly **Board Games** group, a monthly **Church Walks** group
- **Revival**, which organises prayer evenings and holds worship events in the market place
- the weekly welcome for Ukrainian refugees, which has now evolved into a **weekly International Café**, run in partnership with a local charity called Host Abingdon

Termly parish prayer evenings, Long Furlong Away Day, an Alpha course and Baptism service on Easter Sunday are all worthy of mention as ways of building community, connecting people to Jesus and seeking God's wisdom and direction for Christ Church.

Staffing

The PCC greatly appreciates the dedication of the church's staff team, paid staff, self-funding staff members and those working for the church on placements. Several changes in the year are noted here:

Ruth Atkins stood down from the role of Foodbank Manager and, after a 6 month gap, has been replaced by Philip Bingham. Philip was previously Deputy Chair of the PCC in a voluntary capacity until April 2024.

Annie Brooke stood down from the role of Barns Cafe Manager in September. Jo Walker moved from her role as Cafe Administrator to Cafe Manager.

Stephanie Addenbrooke rejoined the CCA team as Worship Pastor, but subsequently resigned at Christmas to focus on family and this vacancy carries forward into 2025.

Hannah Ramsdale joined the Cafe team as Saturday supervisor.

After a thorough recruitment process, James Whymark was licenced as Associate Vicar at Long Furlong in August.

Reni Vas started as Administrator in November filling the vacancy left by Jo Walker.

We give the deepest thanks and gratitude to all those who have provided so many years of service to God and to our Church.

Workloads of our staff and volunteer leaders remain under scrutiny with plans in 2024 to conduct a deeper review of our structures and culture to enable us all to flourish in our roles and responsibilities.

Membership and Attendance

As of April 2024, the Electoral Roll (formal membership) of Christ Church was 461 adults with a further 16 Anglican adult members based at the Peachcroft Christian Centre, giving a total of 477 adults for the Parish of North Abingdon. This is 12 adults up on the last roll count in April 2023, which is encouraging.

Physical attendance on both sites has now returned to normal, although it is noticeable that the mix of adults and young people has shifted, with fewer young people attending services. This reflects the national picture. At Northcourt Road, typically the 9.30 Sunday morning service attracted around 120 physical attendees (plus Children and youth), and around 50 live streaming devices on YouTube (a number which can get to 200 during the week as people catch up). The 11.20 service had a typical attendance of 50-60. Attendance at the 6:30 service has averaged about 60.

Sunday attendance at Long Furlong is still slightly below pre- Coronavirus levels , with numbers of around 120 adults, children and youth each week, including those joining the service via Zoom.

PCC and Standing Committee Meetings

The day-to-day leadership and management of the church is largely delegated to the staff team, wardens, ministry and activity leaders, enabling the PCC to focus on matters of policy and strategic direction. PCC meetings also include time for reflecting on God's word and prayer for the life of the church. Full PCC meetings take place 6 times a year. The Standing Committee also meets 6 times a year, with meetings taking place in between PCC meetings. The AGM (APCM) takes place annually around Easter-time.

Financial Review

Unrestricted income and expenditure

The majority of our income comes from the generous giving of members. 2024 was a challenging year as costs increased during a period of relatively high inflation, but many of our members were able to respond by increasing their giving during the year which, together with the giving of new members who had recently joined the Church, resulted in voluntary income of £558,000 (2023: £537,000). Income from investments was £52,000 (2023: £48,000) reflecting the continuing higher interest rates paid on short term deposits during the year, and income from church activities increased to £61,000 (2023: £56,000) largely due to a continued recovery in Church Hall lettings. Expenditure was higher than the previous year at £691,000 (2023: £627,000) reflecting the relatively high rate of inflation throughout 2024 together with very few vacancies in the staff team in 2024 compared with the previous year. The unrestricted surplus for the year before gains (losses) on investments was £10,000 (2023: £13,000), and the net movement in funds was an increase of £16,000 (2023: £40,000) due to a gain on investments this year of £6,000 (2023: £13,000) but no transfer from the restricted fund (2023: 14,000).

Restricted income and expenditure

The Abingdon Foodbank experienced another year of increasing referrals, but support from both the community and Church members remained strong with gifts of not only food but also financial donations which, together with Gift Aid where appropriate, totaled £129,000 (2023: £164,000). Foodbank expenses increased to £134,000 (2023: £88,000) and ended the year with a full time manager (previously a part time manager) as well as a part time coordinator. The surplus for all restricted funds for the year after transfers was £21,000 (2023: £68,000).

The Barns Café Limited

The PCC is the sole shareholder of The Barns Café Limited whose results are filed with Companies House and are not included in these Financial Statements. The share capital remains at £25,000 (it was increased to this in 2022). The share capital is fully impaired at the balance sheet date (as it was at the previous balance sheet date).

Reserves

The PCC is required to operate on a going concern basis and hold reserves equivalent to at least 2 months' general running costs plus an additional month's payroll costs. The accounts show that reserves remain above this minimum.

Future Plans

We will

- Continue to carefully discern our Church's priorities for the coming year
- Deliver a new parish governance model to ensure we are able to appropriately manage workloads across our staff and volunteer teams whilst ensuring we continue to conform to C of E, charity and employment law and guidelines
- Recruit a new Parish Worship Pastor
- Continue to discern what Living in Love and Faith means for Christ Church, opening up the conversation beyond the PCC
- Establish a dedicated trustee body for Abingdon Foodbank and work towards Charitable Incorporated Organisation status
- Continue to develop emerging missional communities and how we can best serve newcomers to the North Abingdon housing development
- Continue to manage our estate in a way that honors the historic nature of our buildings, improves accessibility and reduces our impact on the environment

We are also very mindful of the breadth and depth of work being done across our staff and volunteer teams. We need always to reflect and pray about our ambitions for the year ahead and seek God's wisdom on priorities for His Church and Kingdom.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibility

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Principles).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and trust deed.

The trustees 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 risks to the charity.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 17th March 2025 and signed on their behalf by

David Hancock
Vice-Chair of Trustees

Revd Keith Dunnett
Incumbent

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees and Members of North Abingdon PCC, Christ Church on the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2024, Charity No 1153844

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 14 to 30.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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27 March 2025

PARISH OF NORTH ABINGDON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary income	2 (a)	588,233	152,106	740,339	719,722
Income from investments	2 (b)	52,104	9,579	61,683	51,139
Church activities	2 (c)	60,985	-	60,985	55,971
Other income	2 (d)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		<u>701,322</u>	<u>161,685</u>	<u>863,007</u>	<u>826,832</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Church activities	3	691,125	141,152	832,277	731,322
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>691,125</u>	<u>141,152</u>	<u>832,277</u>	<u>731,322</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		10,197	20,533	30,730	95,510
GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	7	6,143	-	6,143	12,732
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>16,340</u>	<u>20,533</u>	<u>36,873</u>	<u>108,242</u>
Balances at 1st January		2,633,591	333,904	2,967,495	2,859,253
Balances at 31st December		<u>2,649,931</u>	<u>354,437</u>	<u>3,004,368</u>	<u>2,967,495</u>

PARISH OF NORTH ABINGDON

BALANCE SHEET
AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5	2,309,141	-	2,309,141	2,336,302
Investment in subsidiary	6	-	-	-	-
Fixed Asset Investments	7	104,304	-	104,304	98,161
		<u>2,413,445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,413,445</u>	<u>2,434,463</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	179,926	22,955	202,881	154,729
Short Term Deposits		81,626	331,384	413,010	326,847
Cash at bank & in hand		<u>77,905</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>78,003</u>	<u>78,058</u>
		339,457	354,437	693,894	559,634
Amounts receivable after one year	8	-	-	-	-
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Amounts due within one year	9	(102,971)	-	(102,971)	(26,602)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>236,486</u>	<u>354,437</u>	<u>590,923</u>	<u>533,032</u>
NET ASSETS LESS					
CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,649,931	354,437	3,004,368	2,967,495
LIABILITIES					
Amounts due after one year	9	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		<u>2,649,931</u>	<u>354,437</u>	<u>3,004,368</u>	<u>2,967,495</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	10, 11	2,649,931	-	2,649,931	2,633,591
Restricted	12, 13	-	354,437	354,437	333,904
		<u>2,649,931</u>	<u>354,437</u>	<u>3,004,368</u>	<u>2,967,495</u>

The Financial Statements on pages 14 to 30 were approved by the PCC of North Abingdon on 17th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Martin Steel
Treasurer

PARISH OF NORTH ABINGDON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	16	30,905	53,330
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		61,683	51,139
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(6,480)	(17,372)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>55,203</u>	<u>33,767</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		86,108	87,097
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2024		404,905	317,808
Cash and cash equivalents at the 31st December 2024	16	<u><u>491,013</u></u>	<u><u>404,905</u></u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The Parish is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, except for the valuation of Investment assets, which are shown at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the Parish that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Parish. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Parish are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with special restrictions imposed by the donor.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parish is responsible in law.

They do not include the accounts of church groups which owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal church members.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections and planned giving are recognised when received by or on behalf of the Parish.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the church are accounted for as soon as the Parish is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised by fund-raising events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from letting church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal and constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded.

Activities directly related to the work of the Parish

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

As of 1st January 2022 items costing more than £5,000 are capitalised as assets.

Items are depreciated on the following basis:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Basis</u>	<u>Period</u>
Office Equipment	Straight Line	3 Years
Fixtures and Fittings	Straight Line	3 Years
Plant and Machinery	Straight Line	5 Years
Cost of Buildings	Straight Line	100 Years

The parish owns various freehold properties, the majority of which were acquired prior to the requirement to capitalise such expenditure. These properties have therefore not been included in cost.

Freehold property acquired more recently is included at cost.

Investment in Subsidiary

Investment in subsidiary is stated at historical cost less provision for any diminution in value.

Fixed Asset Investments

Fixed asset investments are held for the long term, and are held at fair value.

Current Assets

Amounts owed to the Parish at 31st December in respect of fees, rents and other income are shown as debtors.

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

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
(a) Voluntary income				
Planned Giving:				
Gift Aid	404,942	56,566	461,508	438,361
Income Tax Recoverable	101,236	14,122	115,358	111,176
Other Giving	79,126	56,485	135,611	161,938
Collections (open plate)	2,929	-	2,929	2,684
Sundry donations	-	-	-	63
Grants	-	10,500	10,500	5,500
Legacies	-	14,433	14,433	-
	<u>588,233</u>	<u>152,106</u>	<u>740,339</u>	<u>719,722</u>

Voluntary income was £740,339 (2023: £719,722) of which £588,233 (2023: £536,846) was attributable to the unrestricted fund and £152,106 (2023: £182,876) was attributable to the restricted fund

(b) Income from investments

Dividends & Interest including any reclaimed tax	16,148	9,579	25,727	12,846
Rental Income - Temporary let	35,956	-	35,956	38,293
	<u>52,104</u>	<u>9,579</u>	<u>61,683</u>	<u>51,139</u>

Income from investments was £61,683 (2023: £51,139) of which £52,104 (2023: £47,626) was attributable to the unrestricted fund and £9,579 (2023: £3,513) was attributed to the restricted fund

(c) Income from church activities

Events, Conferences, Courses etc	13,235	-	13,235	15,707
Bookstall	488	-	488	307
Church Hall Lettings	35,072	-	35,072	32,564
The Barns Café	9,240	-	9,240	5,480
Fees	2,950	-	2,950	1,913
	<u>60,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,985</u>	<u>55,971</u>

Income from church activities was £60,985 (2023: £55,971) which was attributable to the unrestricted fund

(d) Other Income

	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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Income from other income was £Nil (2023: £Nil) which was attributable to the unrestricted fund

TOTAL	<u>701,322</u>	<u>161,685</u>	<u>863,007</u>	<u>826,832</u>
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

3. EXPENDITURE

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Note					
Church Activities					
Church Overseas		53,933	-	53,933	61,277
Home Mission		36,826	114,300	151,126	105,977
Events, Conferences, Courses etc		11,181	-	11,181	19,304
Ministry:					
Diocesan Quota/Parish Share		188,418	-	188,418	188,389
Incumbent Working Expenses		1,952	-	1,952	1,475
Assistant Staff		8,351	-	8,351	4,662
Church Running Expenses		59,549	-	59,549	49,287
Church Maintenance		17,230	-	17,230	32,881
Upkeep of Services		22,198	-	22,198	25,826
Bookstall		340	-	340	342
Support Costs		1,530	-	1,530	1,470
Property Rental		27,200	-	27,200	25,800
Other PCC Property Upkeep		5,753	-	5,753	9,103
Salaries	4	188,264	26,852	215,116	170,590
Staff Recruitment		3,160	-	3,160	302
General administration		15,150	-	15,150	10,474
Equipment & Replacements		15,309	-	15,309	(7,830)
Depreciation		33,641	-	33,641	31,154
Bank charges		1,140	-	1,140	839
TOTAL		691,125	141,152	832,277	731,322

£691,125 (2023: £627,022) of the above costs were attributable to the unrestricted fund, and £141,152 (2023: £104,300) were attributable to the restricted fund

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

3(b). ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COST EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Independent examiner's fees	1,530	-	1,530	1,470
Other Support cost	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,530</u>	<u>1,470</u>

4. STAFF COSTS

During the year the church employed an average of 8 (2023: 8) members of staff (approximately 6 (2023: 6) full-time equivalent staff): youth pastor, full and part-time children's ministers, operations manager, full and part-time administrators, part-time worship pastor, part-time cleaner, and manager and part-time coordinator for the Abingdon Foodbank. In addition the church employed an average of 5 (2023: 5) members of staff (approximately 3 (2023: 3) full time equivalent staff) on behalf of The Barns Cafe Ltd (the costs are included in the accounts of that company and are not included here). No staff member earned more than £60,000.

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023 £
Salaries, wages & honoraria	170,300	24,379	194,679	157,776
Social security costs	10,081	1,583	11,664	7,703
Pension cost	7,883	890	8,773	5,111
	<u>188,264</u>	<u>26,852</u>	<u>215,116</u>	<u>170,590</u>

Mr Philip Bingham was a trustee until April 2024, and in September 2024 he was employed as manager of the Abingdon Foodbank. He did not receive any remuneration or employee benefits during the year whilst he was a trustee. None of the other trustees received any remuneration or employee benefits during the year. Where applicable the lay trustees, acting as agents to the Parish, received payment for approved expenses in accordance with Church of England guidelines. These are included in note 3.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Plant & Machinery £	Office Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
<u>Cost</u>					
At 1st January 2024	2,491,951	24,118	7,730	108,214	2,632,013
Additions in the year	-	6,480	-	-	6,480
Disposals in the year	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2024	<u>2,491,951</u>	<u>30,598</u>	<u>7,730</u>	<u>108,214</u>	<u>2,638,493</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>					
At 1st January 2024	185,978	9,038	7,730	92,965	295,711
Additions in the year	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals in the year	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the Year	18,251	4,776	-	10,614	33,641
At 31st December 2024	<u>204,229</u>	<u>13,814</u>	<u>7,730</u>	<u>103,579</u>	<u>329,352</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>					
At 31st December 2024	<u>2,287,722</u>	<u>16,784</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,635</u>	<u>2,309,141</u>
At 31st December 2023	<u>2,305,973</u>	<u>15,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,249</u>	<u>2,336,302</u>

Freehold Property includes land of £712,318 which is not depreciated.

The Market Value of the Freehold Property is considered to be in excess of the above carrying value, however it is not considered practicable or cost effective to quantify the difference.

6. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Shares in subsidiary undertaking	25,000	-	25,000	25,000
Impairment	(25,000)	-	(25,000)	(25,000)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The Parish of North Abingdon owns the whole of the ordinary share capital of The Barns Café Limited (company number 08794014), a company registered in England and Wales which operates as a café. The share capital was fully impaired in 2022 and remains so as at the current Balance Sheet date.

The profit for the financial period of The Barns Café Limited was £4,748 (2023: £4,787) and the aggregate capital and reserves surplus at the period end was £10,047 (2023: £5,299). The company's turnover for the year was £171,883 (2023: £146,505).

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fixed asset investments at fair value	<u>104,304</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,304</u>	<u>98,161</u>

The fixed asset investment is a CBF Church of England Fund which is held for the long term. Investments are all traded in quoted public markets. The basis of fair value is equivalent to the market value using the bid price. The total income recognised on these investments in the period was £8,621 (2023: £15,162) representing fair value remeasurement gain of £6,143 (2023: £12,732) and dividend income received of £2,478 (2023: £2,430).

8. DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Amounts receivable within one year				
Income Tax Recoverable	102,302	22,955	125,257	136,601
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	67,282	-	67,282	11,818
Amount owed by Subsidiary Undertaking	7,604	-	7,604	6,310
Trade Debtors	2,738	-	2,738	-
	<u>179,926</u>	<u>22,955</u>	<u>202,881</u>	<u>154,729</u>
Amounts receivable after more than one year				
Loan to Subsidiary Undertaking	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

9. LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year				
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	<u>102,971</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,971</u>	<u>26,602</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

10. ANALYSIS OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Fixed Assets 2024 £	Current Assets 2024 £	Current Liabilities 2024 £	Total 2024 £
General Funds	2,413,445	256,176	(102,971)	2,566,650
<u>Designated Funds</u>				
The Barns Café - Equipment	-	19,581	-	19,581
Tithe Barn Refurbishment	-	63,700	-	63,700
	<u>2,413,445</u>	<u>339,457</u>	<u>(102,971)</u>	<u>2,649,931</u>

	Fixed Assets 2023 £	Current Assets 2023 £	Current Liabilities 2023 £	Total 2023 £
General Funds	2,434,463	154,849	(26,602)	2,562,710
<u>Designated Funds</u>				
The Barns Café - Equipment	-	17,181	-	17,181
Tithe Barn Refurbishment	-	53,700	-	53,700
	<u>2,434,463</u>	<u>225,730</u>	<u>(26,602)</u>	<u>2,633,591</u>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

11. MOVEMENT ON UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought Forward 2024 £	Transfers 2024 £	Income 2024 £	Expenses 2024 £	Carried Forward 2024 £
General Funds	2,562,710	-	695,065	(691,125)	2,566,650
<u>Designated Funds</u>					
The Barns Café - Equipment	17,181	-	2,400	-	19,581
Tithe Barn Refurbishment	53,700	-	10,000	-	63,700
	<u>2,633,591</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>707,465</u>	<u>(691,125)</u>	<u>2,649,931</u>

	Brought Forward 2023 £	Transfers 2023 £	Income 2023 £	Expenses 2023 £	Carried Forward 2023 £
General Funds	2,535,740	19,099	634,265	(626,394)	2,562,710
<u>Designated Funds</u>					
The Barns Café - Equipment	8,930	4,969	3,910	(628)	17,181
Tithe Barn Refurbishment	48,700	(10,000)	15,000	-	53,700
	<u>2,593,370</u>	<u>14,068</u>	<u>653,175</u>	<u>(627,022)</u>	<u>2,633,591</u>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

12. ANALYSIS OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Current Assets 2024 £	Current Liabilities 2024 £	Long-term Liabilities 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Children's Society	396	-	-	396
Charity Collections	335	-	-	335
Equipment	1,480	-	-	1,480
Foodbank	267,960	-	-	267,960
Home Mission	5,316	-	-	5,316
Link	(6)	-	-	(6)
Overseas Mission	766	-	-	766
Refurbishment	70,942	-	-	70,942
Vicars Discretionary Fund	7,248	-	-	7,248
	<u>354,437</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>354,437</u>

	Current Assets 2023 £	Current Liabilities 2023 £	Long-term Liabilities 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Children's Society	60	-	-	60
Charity Collections	342	-	-	342
Equipment	1,480	-	-	1,480
Foodbank	273,471	-	-	273,471
Home Mission	5,475	-	-	5,475
Link	684	-	-	684
Overseas Mission	766	-	-	766
Refurbishment	43,779	-	-	43,779
Vicars Discretionary Fund	7,847	-	-	7,847
	<u>333,904</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>333,904</u>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

13. MOVEMENT ON RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought Forward 2024 £	Transfers 2024 £	Income 2024 £	Expenses 2024 £	Carried Forward 2024 £
Children's Society	60	-	336	-	396
Charity Collections	342	-	540	(547)	335
Equipment	1,480	-	-	-	1,480
Foodbank	273,471	-	128,868	(134,379)	267,960
Home Mission	5,475	-	2,086	(2,245)	5,316
Link	684	-	779	(1,469)	(6)
Overseas Mission	766	-	-	-	766
Refurbishment	43,779	-	28,902	(1,739)	70,942
Vicars Discretionary Fund	7,847	-	174	(773)	7,248
	<u>333,904</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>161,685</u>	<u>(141,152)</u>	<u>354,437</u>

	Brought Forward 2023 £	Transfers 2023 £	Income 2023 £	Expenses 2023 £	Carried Forward 2023 £
Children's Society	55	-	5	-	60
Charity Collections	276	-	137	(71)	342
Equipment	1,771	-	5,625	(5,916)	1,480
Foodbank	197,373	-	163,614	(87,516)	273,471
Home Mission	9,285	(4,969)	8,570	(7,411)	5,475
Link	742	-	689	(747)	684
Overseas Mission	660	-	1,107	(1,001)	766
Refurbishment	49,378	(9,099)	3,503	(3)	43,779
Vicars Discretionary Fund	6,343	-	3,139	(1,635)	7,847
	<u>265,883</u>	<u>(14,068)</u>	<u>186,389</u>	<u>(104,300)</u>	<u>333,904</u>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

14. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

Designated Funds - Set aside by the PCC

The Barns Café - Equipment

This designated fund has been set up to fund the replacement of equipment in the premises used by The Barns Café Limited

Tithe Barn Refurbishment

This designated fund has been set up for the future refurbishment of the Tithe Barn at the Northcourt Road site. The intention is that in the next few years there will be a major overhaul of the inside (heating, layout) and possibly the outside (roofing)

Restricted Funds - Given with a particular purpose

Children's Society

A special collection for this charity

Charity Collections

Special collections by Christ Church for various charities

Equipment

Donations used to replace/improve equipment at Christ Church

Foodbank

Donations to Abingdon Foodbank

Home Mission

Funds raised for mission opportunities in the parish and the wider diocese

Link

Funds raised by the Christ Church Link group and used to support ongoing work

Overseas Mission

Donations made to support Christ Church mission partners and other Christian mission organisations working overseas

Refurbishment

Donations to be used for improvements to buildings

Vicars Discretionary Fund

Donations to be used at the Vicar's discretion

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Donations received from Trustees

Donations received from the PCC trustees totalled £54,625 (2023: £59,082) during the reporting period with an additional £12,431 (2023: £13,936) recoverable through Gift Aid

The Barns Café Limited

During the year The Barns Café Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the charity, paid £6,840 (2023: £5,480) to the Parish of North Abingdon for heat and light and £2,400 repair costs (2023: £Nil).

The £25,000 share capital was fully impaired at the end of 2022 and remains so at the current balance sheet date because, although the Café made a modest profit in 2023 and 2024, it is considered unlikely to be in a position to make significant profits in the foreseeable future.

The amount due from The Barns Café Limited at the balance sheet date for costs incurred by the Parish on the Café's behalf was £7,604 (2023: £6,310). The trustees decided there was no requirement to impair this year end balance.

Payments to connected organisations / individuals

Payments were made during the year to organisations / individuals connected to trustees as follows:

Trustee	Connected Organisation	How Connected	Nature of conflict of interest	Payments made to Connected Organisations / Individuals during the year
Clergy	Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance	Clergy are a direct employee of, or are employed to minister with stipend by the connected organisation	Parish Share (Diocesan Quota) is paid to Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance	£188,418
Mr Martin Steel	Abingdon Deanery Synod	As well as being treasurer of the Charity, the trustee is also the treasurer of Abingdon Deanery Synod	Abingdon Deanery Synod decide how the total Diocesan Quota allocated by Oxford Diocese to the Deanery is shared among the individual parishes in the Deanery	£188,418 paid to Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance, but the value is decided by Abingdon Deanery
Revd Keith Dunnett Mr Andrew Lowe Dr Cherry Tweed	The Barns Café Limited	Trustees are Directors of the connected organisation	The share capital of the Café remains fully impaired at the balance sheet date	Value of impairment remains at £25,000
Mr David Greenaway	The Barns Café Limited	Relative is employed by the Café	Total cost of employment	£16,465
Mr Philip Bingham	Church Mission Society	Trustee was an employee of the connected organisation during the early part of 2024	Grant paid to the connected organisation for the support of a Mission Partner	£12,124
Dr Penelope Smith	Church Mission Society	Trustee is related to a Mission Partner employed by the connected organisation	Grant paid to the connected organisation for the support of a Mission Partner	£12,124
Dr Penelope Smith	The Archway Foundation	Trustee is Treasurer (voluntary) of the connected organisation	Grant paid to the connected organisation for the support of a Mission Partner	£1,042

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

16. NOTE TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Net income /(expenditure) for the operating period (as per statement of financial activities)	36,873	108,242
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	33,641	31,154
Impairment of fixed asset investments	(6,143)	(12,732)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(61,683)	(51,139)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(48,152)	(16,979)
Increase /(decrease) in creditors	76,369	(5,216)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>30,905</u>	<u>53,330</u>

Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash in hand	78,003	78,058
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	413,010	326,847
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>491,013</u>	<u>404,905</u>

17. OPERATING LEASES - LESSEE

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Total 2024 £
Not later than one year	5,904
Later than one and not later than five years	19,187
	<u>25,091</u>