

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WINCANTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1154897

## Details

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Other names	WINCANTON PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2013-12-05
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

**Activities:** Church of England Parish Church

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

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- Somerset

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£78,099	£96,435	-	-
2024-12-31	£90,408	£83,619	-	-
2023-12-31	£121,014	£170,912	-	-
2022-12-31	£63,774	£76,968	-	-
2021-12-31	£52,837	£52,226	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Chris Avery		2024-05-11
Elizabeth Baxter		2022-05-18
Elizabeth Vivyan		2022-05-18
Gill Oaten		2024-05-11
James Ebner		2024-05-11
Janet Lowe		2023-05-13
Joanna Bridget Durham-Matthews Joaana		2018-04-14
Joanna Ebner		2024-05-11
Judy Loretta Chiplen		2024-05-11
Mary Wallis		2022-05-18
Nicola King		2024-05-11
PENELOPE MARY ASHTON		2017-04-22
Philip Thomas		2022-05-18
Rosemary Lesley Keep		2023-05-13
Susan Mary Hall		2018-04-14
Sylvie Pattison		2022-05-18

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# Accounts

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# REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

## PCC SECRETARY REPORT

### Background

The Benefice is held in plurality with Pen Selwood. The Benefice is currently in vacancy following the departure of Rev Alison Way in Spring 2024. The Lay Reader is Mrs Penny Ashton. It was disappointing that there were no applications for the position of Rector which was advertised again at the beginning of the year. Arrangements continued to be put in place to form the new Benefice of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford. At the end of the year Rev Lydia Avery was appointed as Benefice Development Priest by the Diocese, as it was felt that with the new Benefice in operation this might be more attractive to a potential applicant for the position of Rector.

### Membership

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registered Number 1154897. Members of the PCC are elected in accordance with the Church Representation rules at the Annual Parochial Meeting.

*During the year the following served on the PCC:*

Chair	Mrs Penny Ashton	Elected 2023
Wardens (Vice Chair)	Mrs Judy Chiplen	2023
	Mrs Gill Oaten	2023
Deputies	Mrs Sylvie Pattison (until May)	2023
	Mrs Mary Wallis (until May)	2023
Treasurer	Mr Phil Thomas (co-opted)	2023
Deanery Synod Reps	Mrs Penny Ashton	2023
	Mrs Joanna Durham Matthews	2023
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Rosemary Keep	2023
Safeguarding Officer	Mrs Nicky King	2024
Safeguarding – Admin	Mrs Janet Lowe	2023
Elected Members	Mr Chris Avery	2024
	Mrs Elizabeth Baxter (until May)	2022
	Mrs Joanna Ebner	2023
	Mr Jim Ebner	2024
	Mrs Sue Hall (until May)	2022
	Mrs Carolyn Leach (from May)	2025
	Mrs Eizabeth Vivyan (until August)	2022
	Mrs Mary Wallis	2025
	Mr Robin Wickenden (from May)	2025
PCC Secretary	Mrs Rosemary Keep	2023

Through the year there were 7 PCC meetings all held in the Church. PCC agendas and immediate issues were agreed between the Lay Reader, wardens and administrator. Some decisions had to be made between meetings in consultation with members which were subsequently ratified at following meetings. The PCC is a statutory body and is required to co-operate in promoting the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. In addition, the PCC is responsible for the care, maintenance and insurance of the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church and the care of the churchyard in order to ensure that present and future community needs are met. The PCC advises and provides guidance on all matters undertaken in the name of St Peter and St Paul, Wincanton. The PCC is responsible for monitoring church finances and expenditure.

### Fundraising Committee

A full programme of fundraising was undertaken throughout the year. Monthly coffee mornings were well attended by both regular and non-regular church goers alike in a friendly atmosphere. The annual Plant Sale, Summer Church Path Fete and Christmas Fayre were all held in the Church. The Bingo Evening held in the Memorial Hall proved very popular and profitable. Despite not holding the Knit-In event proceeds from fundraising was up on the previous year.

## **Social Committee**

The Social Committee ably supported the fundraising events, providing refreshments after Sunday services, and catering for the Lent and Harvest lunches and Carol Service.

## **Brief Review of 2025**

During the continued vacancy Penny Ashton, Lay Reader, and Judy Chiplen and Gill Oaten, Churchwardens together with members of the PCC in a variety of capacities, worked hard to keep church activities going. The PCC is grateful to visiting clergy for their support and in particular Rev Avery.

The lead stolen from the vestry roof at the end of 2024 was replaced and at the same time an alarm system fitted. In addition, new LED lights were installed giving better lighting and a reduction in charges.

There was a full church for the Remembrance Day service arranged by the Wincanton Royal British Legion with the Army Air Corps, Wincanton Silver Band and other local organisations on parade.

There was a full five-yearly review of the Church Electoral Roll which showed a reduction of members from 71 to 55.

The local schools again made good use of the Church in the run-up to Christmas with all their Christmas activities.

A generous benefactor donated funds to buy new hymn books for both the choir and congregation. A most welcome gift as the old ones were in a parlous state.

## **Safeguarding commitment**

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Nicky King continued as Safeguarding Officer with Janet Lowe helping on the admin side. They are to be thanked for their work.

## **Parish Office**

The Parish Administrator, Rachel Feltham, continued to provide an excellent service in running the Parish Office. Her work load has increased with the parish in vacancy and the formation of the new benefice coming to fruition. The PCC is grateful to her for the competent and expert way she continues to carry out her duties.

## **Retiring PCC members**

Regretfully Sylvie Pattison and Elizabeth Vivyan both died during the year. Elizabeth Baxter and Sue Hall retired from the PCC. All are to be commended for their service to the PCC and their contribution to the life of the Church.

## **Rosemary Keep PCC Secretary**

## **2025 CHURCHWARDENS REPORT**

On the first Sunday of January Bishop Michael, the Bishop of Bath and Wells came to Wincanton to take our Epiphany service. All the churches from our proposed new benefice were invited and it was a lovely occasion. Also, in January work started on replacing the lead that was taken from the organ loft and choir vestry roofs. Roof alarms were also put in place. Thanks go to Jim Ebner for overseeing this.

We had a wonderful Easter Sunday service led by Rev Lydia Avery, with an Easter egg hunt after. It was great fun and lovely to see lots of children.

In December the Primary School children filled the church with their Nativity performances and carol services. Our carol service was again well attended. Thanks go to John Beaven for his music through the year and for his work with the choir.

Sadly 2025 saw us still in vacancy. After several attempts at advertising for a new Rector with no applicants applying for the post, it was decided by the Diocese to appoint a Benefice Development Priest. This post was taken up by Rev Lydia Avery. An excellent choice.

This year we sadly have to report the deaths of Gill Abbotts, Eileen Adams, Ruby Gorry, Ann Madeley, Elizabeth Vivyan, John Wray and Sylvie Pattison. We miss them all.

In 2025 we had a generous donation from someone who wanted to replace our well-worn hymn books. We were able to buy smart new hymn books. We are very grateful to this person who wishes to remain anonymous

We are required to keep the logbook up to date and check the inventory. This we have done. We have also completed our part of the Statistics for Mission form.

We would like to thank our retired priests for taking our services and giving us so much support. We must thank our Reader, Penny Ashton, for all the work she does. Our Parish Administrator, Rachel Feltham, is a great help to our church and to us personally. Thank you, Rachel, for all your hard work. We would like to thank Mary Wallis, our deputy warden, for all her help and support. Thanks also to Colin Wallis who sets up the church every Sunday for our services and is so helpful to us. We would like to record our thanks to Gill and Richard D'Arcy for collecting wafers/wine etc. They have now retired from this role and Jo Ebner has taken it on. Thank you, Jo. Thank you to Gill D'Arcy for also organising the rota for unlocking and locking the church.

We will be standing down from our Churchwardens role at the APCM, we will of course give the new wardens our help and support.

**Gill Oaten and Judy Chiplen  
Churchwardens**

## **2025 FABRIC REPORT**

Work started on the organ loft and choir vestry roofs to replace the lead that had been removed. The work was carried out efficiently and quickly. An alarm system was installed for the roofs and the church. Thanks to Jim Ebner who oversaw all this work.

We replaced all the lights in the church with LED lights, giving us ecofriendly lighting at a much-reduced running cost. For this work we received a 100% grant thanks to Jim Ebner. Thanks to Jim, Richard D'Arcy and Gordon Hannam who laboured for the electrician.

The boiler, fire extinguishers, organ and lightning conductor have been serviced.

We must record our thanks to the Town Council team who look after our churchyard and to Colin Wallis who has been an enormous help to me.

This will be my last fabric report; my health does not allow me to continue and someone else needs to be appointed to take over. I will of course help in any way I can.

**Adrian Chiplen**

## **2025 DEANERY SYNOD REPORT**

Bruton and Cary Deanery Synod met three times in 2025. On March 26th the speaker was Claire Horton, a Deanery and Parish Development Adviser for the Diocese, who led an interactive session on Growing Good. Growing Good provides practical tips and suggestions for parishes that want to grow new connections and make a difference in their communities.

The Ascension Day service was held on May 29th at All Saints Church, Castle Cary.

On 17th June there were two presentations at the Synod: one on the resources available from Good News for Everyone (formerly the Gideons); and the other from members of Templecombe Church on their experience of Bubble Church - which included a puppet show.

On October 22nd Caroline Bruce and Revd Jane Durham introduced the Thrive programme, designed to help multi-parish benefices grow and flourish.

Deanery Synod normally meets 3 times annually, and all are welcome to attend. Meetings are normally held in either the Davis Hall, West Camel or North Barrow Village Hall, and we generally share transport as parking can be limited.

**Penny Ashton**  
**Deanery Synod Representative**

## **2025 TOWER CAPTAIN REPORT**

The bells of Wincanton are generally rung every Sunday morning for Service and every Tuesday evening for Practice. Our weekly practice evenings are well attended, usually with some ringers from other local towers, and our 'newer' ringers are progressing well with their ringing skills and knowledge.

Our dear friend, Kevin Newport from Cadbury, who had supported us for many years with teaching, and stepping in as leader, when necessary, sadly passed away in September. A Quarter Peal was rung in his memory by ringers of the Cary Branch.

There were three more Quarter Peals, two of which were rung by visiting ringers, and one by local ringers. Ringers of the Cary Branch are learning to ring Devon style call changes, and a peal of "Sixty on Thirds" was rung here in April (at the second attempt!).

We welcomed ringers from other local towers to a branch practice here in June, and a Training Course was held in October, with many ringers travelling from afar.

At the Cary Branch AGM here in October Oliver Feltham was elected as a new member of the Association, and Emma Ceely was elected as Branch Secretary, as well as continuing her role of Newsletter Editor. Wincanton ringers were presented with a certificate for winning the recent "Strictly Come Striking" competition held at Pitcombe.

I am grateful to Adrian Chiplen who, with assistance from Richard D'Arcy, Chris Smith and Jim Ebner, continues to keep our bells in good working order.

**Janet Lowe**  
**Tower Captain**

## **ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT**

A complete renewal of the Church Electoral Roll was undertaken in the five-yearly review in 2025. This resulted in a distinct reduction in numbers on the Roll from 71 to 55, as some members failed to renew their inclusion on the Roll.

Sadly, three stalwart members of the congregation died in 2025 and one member moved away. However, three new members were added to the Electoral Roll. Additions can be made at any time after the Annual Parish Meeting. Please let me know of anyone who might like to be included in the future. Members must have been on the Electoral Roll for 6 months before serving on the PCC.

As ever, thanks are due to Rachel Feltham, Parish Administrator, for her continued support in maintaining the Electoral Roll.

**Rosemary Keep**  
**Electoral Roll Officer**

## **ZAMBIA LINK REPORT**

Better contact was made in 2025 with Father Alfred Sicchone, priest in charge of our Zambia Link church, St John, Chingola. Easter and Christmas greetings were exchanged. Fr Alfred sent photos of their building works and church activities. However, it was necessary to chase up our 2024 donation as this had not been received by Fr Alfred. After some investigations it was tracked down via the Wells Diocese and

Northern Diocese in Zambia and forwarded to St John where the funds will be used to improve the toilet block in their compound.

The proceeds of 2025 Lent activities have been allocated to our Zambia Link Church again and will be tracked to ensure they reach St John. The sum of £408.78 was raised from £159.27 Lent boxes, £137.21 Lent lunch, £34.30 Gift Aid and £78 direct to bank.

Many thanks to everyone who generously supports our Zambia Link and in particular Gill Oaten who does a magnificent job in organising the Lent lunch.

**Rosemary Keep**  
**Zambia Link Representative**

### **2025 MOTHERS' UNION REPORT**

January	No meeting
February	Wave of Prayer – A service to connect with our branches Worldwide
March	This month we joined with The Women's World Day of Prayer service
April	A talk with Nicky King about The Children's Society
May	No Meeting
June	An interesting talk about Wild Flowers
July	A Garden Party (in Church)
August	No meeting
September	Tea and Quiz
October	An Interesting Talk by Sarah Stephen about Street Pastors
November	Tea and Talk with Rev Lydia Avery
December	Advent service in Church

The Mothers' Union meeting is on the first Thursday each Month and we welcome anyone to come to our meeting. You do not have to be a member to enjoy our happy meetings.

**Kath White**  
**Branch Manager**

### **2025 VACANCY REPORT**

In 2025 after several attempts to advertise for a Rector with no luck, it became apparent that we would have to do things differently. The Diocese decided that a Benefice Development Priest should be appointed to set up this new benefice. Rev Lydia Avery was chosen for this role and was licensed in December. Representatives from each of the churches in our proposed new benefice have met with Lydia. The first decision to make was a name for the new benefice. All the PCCs were asked to come up with 2 names, these names were put to the congregation. Blackmore Vale Benefice and 7 Saints in the Vale were the most popular. Unfortunately, we were informed that these 2 names were not suitable and would not be approved. There is already a Blackmore Vale Benefice in the Salisbury Diocese and names with numbers are apparently not considered to be suitable. So, a new name – Monarch Way Benefice– was put forward, all the PCCs approved the name and the Area Dean feels sure it will be allowed. First hurdle over.

In December a Benefice Day of Prayer was arranged. All the churches in our proposed new Benefice held a time of prayer to pray for our Benefice.

Lydia and the church representatives met to tour the various churches, to chat and discuss our hopes and fears for the future of our churches. This was followed by a lovely lunch.

In 2026 a finance meeting between the treasurers of all the churches is to be arranged. A social event will be held in Cucklington village hall, Archdeacon Anne Gell will lead a Benefice communion service in Charlton Musgrove and a Vision Day will be held in April. Lydia is also creating a new service plan which will be trialled after Easter. Exciting times!

**Gill Oaten and Judy Chiplen**  
**Churchwardens**

# The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wincanton

## Charity Number 1154897

### 2025 Financial Review

Wincanton Parish Church received a total unrestricted income of £52,898 in 2025 with a total unrestricted expenditure of £49,691. This means an excess of £3,207 for general funds, which is an improvement on the 2024 deficit of £3,044. The income includes £6,074 from Gift Aid claims and £2,346 from VAT reclaims under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. This scheme is ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. Expenditure included £21,600 paid to the Bath & Wells Diocese towards the Church's Parish Share, 59% of the £36,698 share suggested by the Diocese.

Restricted income for 2025 was £25,201 including £8,850 from an insurance claim after damage to the roof, £3,000 left in legacies, £6,933 in grants towards LED lighting and £5,907 from a VAT refund for roof repairs. Expenditure from restricted funds totalled £46,744 which included payments toward major roof repairs, a new alarm system and £6,287 spent on LED lighting for which a grant was received.

### Reserves

The general funds have increased from £4,129 to £7,336. Designated funds for re-ordering remain at £45,001. The Roof Appeal fund has been spent on the final payments from the major work and installing the new alarm system, the remainder has been moved to the Fabric fund.

Overall funds have decreased from £86,239 to £67,993.

The accounts have been independently examined, the Balance Sheet and Analysis of Income and Expenditure for the year are included.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
General Fund	£7,336	£4,129
Designated Re-ordering	£45,001	£45,001
Roof Appeal	-	£28,363
Fabric Fund	£13,191	£5,971
Legacies	£2,254	£2,654
Flower Fund	<u>£211</u>	<u>£211</u>
Total Reserves	<u>£67,993</u>	<u>£86,329</u>

### Bank Reconciliation

Current Account Balance 31/12/2025	£60,954.56
Uncleared cheques 31/12/2025	(£3,352.33)
Unbanked receipts 31/12/2025	<u>£677.79</u>
Account balance as per accounts	<u>£58,280.02</u>

### Agency Collections

BWDF fees owed from funerals 31/12/2025	£162.00
Children's Society donations 31/12/2025	£178.18
Clergy fees owed by BWDF 31/12/2025	<u>(£207.20)</u>
Agency collections as per accounts	<u>£132.98</u>

*Phil Thomas*  
Treasurer

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
<b>Current assets</b>			
6501	Bank current account	£58,280.02	£76,366.78
6505	Bank deposit account	—	£1,500.35
6510	CCLA (CBF) deposit account	£9,657.90	£9,239.75
6511	CBF Appeals account	£158.96	£152.08
6512	CBF Fabric account	£28.77	£27.53
<b>Total Current assets</b>		<b>£68,125.65</b>	<b>£87,286.49</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
6699	Agency collections	£132.98	£957.64
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>£132.98</b>	<b>£957.64</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>		<b>£67,992.67</b>	<b>£86,328.85</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(£18,336.18)	—
Z01	Starting balances	£86,328.85	£86,328.85
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>£67,992.67</b>	<b>£86,328.85</b>

<b>Represented by Funds</b>		
Unrestricted	£7,335.84	£4,129.00
Designated	£45,000.83	£45,000.83
Restricted	£15,656.00	£37,199.02
Endowment	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>£67,992.67</b>	<b>£86,328.85</b>

**Analysis of income and expenditure**  
**Period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025**

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Incoming resources</b>						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
<b>Voluntary income</b>						
0101 - Giving - Bank	£23,137.30	—	£180.00	—	£23,317.30	£23,447.74
0110 - Giving - Green Envelopes	£791.37	—	—	—	£791.37	£1,051.80
0201 - Other planned giving	—	—	—	—	—	£40.00
0301 - Loose plate collections	£1,591.84	—	—	—	£1,591.84	£1,062.45
0410 - Giving through church boxes	£990.63	—	—	—	£990.63	£879.34
0550 - Donations appeals etc	£1,143.01	—	£250.00	—	£1,393.01	£21,001.32
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£6,073.59	—	£79.50	—	£6,153.09	£7,647.17
0701 - Legacies	—	—	£3,000.00	—	£3,000.00	£2,000.00
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	£2,345.61	—	£12,841.58	—	£15,187.19	£16,209.93
0901 - Other Income (inc Coffee)	£11,258.26	—	—	—	£11,258.26	£11,701.40
<b>Voluntary income Sub-totals</b>	<b>£47,331.61</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£16,351.08</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£63,682.69</b>	<b>£85,041.15</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>						
0910 - Rummage sales etc	—	—	—	—	—	£133.30
1240 - Church Lettings - Fund Raising	£150.00	—	—	—	£150.00	£200.00
<b>Activities for generating funds Sub-totals</b>	<b>£150.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£150.00</b>	<b>£333.30</b>
<b>Investment income</b>						
1020 - Bank Interest	£1,804.36	—	—	—	£1,804.36	£2,534.10
<b>Investment income Sub-totals</b>	<b>£1,804.36</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£1,804.36</b>	<b>£2,534.10</b>
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	£49,285.97	—	£16,351.08	—	£65,637.05	£87,908.55
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	£3,612.05	—	—	—	£3,612.05	£2,499.80
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities Sub-totals</b>	<b>£3,612.05</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£3,612.05</b>	<b>£2,499.80</b>
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	£3,612.05	—	—	—	£3,612.05	£2,499.80
Other incoming resources						
<b>Other incoming resources</b>						
1310 - Insurance claims	—	—	£8,850.00	—	£8,850.00	—
<b>Other incoming resources</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£8,850.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£8,850.00</b>	<b>—</b>

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Sub-totals</b>						
Other incoming resources Totals	—	—	£8,850.00	—	£8,850.00	—
<b>Incoming resources Grand totals</b>	£52,898.02	—	£25,201.08	—	£78,099.10	£90,408.35

## Resources used

### Cost of generating funds

#### Cost of generating voluntary income

1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	£103.98	—	—	—	£103.98	£85.00
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#### Cost of generating voluntary income Sub-totals

	£103.98	—	—	—	£103.98	£85.00
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### Cost of generating funds Totals

	£103.98	—	—	—	£103.98	£85.00
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### Charitable activities

#### Charitable activities

1830 - Giving - Charities	£20.00	—	—	—	£20.00	£20.00
1850 - Home mission	£177.50	—	—	—	£177.50	£149.70
1870 - Secular charities	£80.00	—	—	—	£80.00	£80.00
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	£21,600.00	—	—	—	£21,600.00	£21,522.00
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	£8,101.80	—	—	—	£8,101.80	£7,965.13
2101 - Working Expenses	£760.50	—	—	—	£760.50	£1,465.57
2301 - Church running - insurance	£3,701.60	—	—	—	£3,701.60	£4,076.87
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	£506.40	—	—	—	£506.40	£307.99
2330 - Church maintenance	£454.60	—	£312.00	—	£766.60	£1,486.82
2331 - Cleaning	£17.97	—	—	—	£17.97	—
2340 - Upkeep of services	£4,772.03	—	£400.00	—	£5,172.03	£5,219.43
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	£21.00	—	—	—	£21.00	£80.00
2360 - Administration	£5,887.95	—	—	—	£5,887.95	£6,851.30
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	—	—	—	—	—	£1.35
2401 - Church running - electric	£1,722.08	—	—	—	£1,722.08	£2,002.41
2410 - Church running - gas	£1,630.86	—	—	—	£1,630.86	£1,939.66
2420 - Church running - water	£132.91	—	—	—	£132.91	£129.09
2701 - Church Repairs - Structure	—	—	£39,745.06	—	£39,745.06	£30,237.06
2710 - Church Repairs - Installation	—	—	£1,247.04	—	£1,247.04	—
2720 - Church Decorating	—	—	£5,040.00	—	£5,040.00	—

#### Charitable activities Sub-totals

	£49,587.20	—	£46,744.10	—	£96,331.30	£83,534.38
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### Charitable activities Totals

	£49,587.20	—	£46,744.10	—	£96,331.30	£83,534.38
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## Resources used Grand totals

	£49,691.18	—	£46,744.10	—	£96,435.28	£83,619.38
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wincanton		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1154897
	<b>Set out on pages</b> 1 and 1 to 2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report** As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

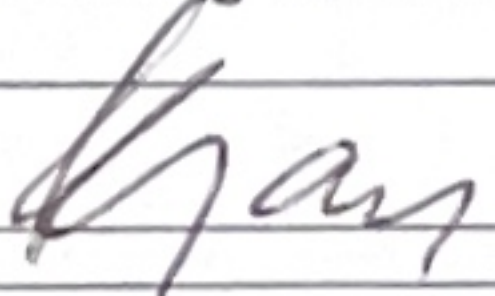
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
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I have no concerns and 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.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 03/03/2026

**Name:** Peter Gay

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** None

**Address:** 18 Greenway Close  
Wincanton  
Somerset  
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WINCANTON**

England & Wales - Charity number 1154897

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# Accounts

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## PCC SECRETARY REPORT

**Background** The Benefice is held in plurality with Pen Selwood. The incumbent, Rev Alison Way, resigned late 2023 and left the Parish at Easter 2024. Subsequently the incumbent's role has not been filled. The Lay Reader is Mrs Penny Ashton.

### Membership

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registered Number 1154897  
Members of the PCC are elected in accordance with the Church Representation rules at the Annual Parochial Meeting.

*During the year the following served on the PCC*

Incumbent Chair	Rev Alison Way (until March)	
Vice Chair	Mrs Penny Ashton	Elected 2023
Chair	Mrs Penny Ashton (after March)	
Wardens	Mrs Judy Chiplen	“”” 2023
	Mrs Gill Oaten	“”” 2023
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	Mrs Elizabeth Vivyan	2022
PCC Secretary	Mrs Rosemary Keep	2023

Through the year there were 7 PCC meetings all held in the church. PCC agendas and immediate issues were agreed between the Rector (until March 2024), the reader, wardens and administrator. Some decisions had to be made between meetings in consultation with members which were subsequently ratified at following meetings.

The PCC is a statutory body and is required to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. In addition, the PCC is responsible for the care, maintenance and insurance of the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church and the care of the Churchyard in order to ensure that present and future community needs are met. The PCC advises and provides guidance on all matters undertaken in the name of St Peter and St Paul Wincanton. The PCC is responsible for monitoring church finances and expenditure.

### Fundraising Committee

A full programme of fundraising was undertaken throughout the year. Monthly coffee mornings attracted more people both church and non-church goers, generating an increased income. The annual Knit-In, Plant Sale, Summer Church Path Fete and Christmas Fayre all held at the church added extra funds. Outside the church a Bingo Evening and Skittles Evening proved popular.

### Social Committee

The Social Committee ably supported the fundraising events, provided catering weekly for refreshments after the Sunday services, the Lent lunch and children's activities.

### Brief Review of 2024

At the start of the year Rev Alison Way announced that she would be leaving the parish in March, having secured another position. It was with regret that the PCC accepted her resignation. Following Rev Way's departure, plans were put in place with the help of the diocese to find a replacement. The vacancy was advertised late in 2024 but there were no applications. It was decided to re-advertise in

the new year. During the vacancy, members, in particular Penny Ashton, the Lay Reader, and Gill Oaten and Judy Chiplen, the two Churchwardens, pulled together to keep all the church activities going. The PCC is grateful to visiting clergy for their support during this period. In the meantime, the diocese was reducing the number of clergies in the deanery resulting in the formation of new benefices. After much discussion in the deanery synod, a benefice combining Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford was proposed. It was felt that perhaps the formation of an untried benefice might be deterring applicants. The Saturday afternoon children's activities were happy events although not very well attended.

The church was packed for the annual Remembrance Day service supported by Wincanton RBL, Wincanton Silver Band and local schools together with the Army Air Corps on parade.

The PCC undertook a review of giving and new initiatives were introduced bringing in much needed extra funding.

It was disappointing that lead was stolen from the vestry roof so soon after the repairs to the roof had been completed. After discussion it was decided to replace the lead and having launched an appeal the repairs were scheduled for the start of 2025.

The PCC is grateful to all those involved in supporting the work of the church during 2024.

### **Safeguarding commitment**

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Nicky King continued as Safeguarding Officer with Janet Lowe looking after the admin side. They are to be thanked for their work.

### **Parish Office**

Rachel Feltham, the Parish Administrator, kept up her exemplary work in running the Parish Office and everyday organisation of the Church in a particularly difficult period of the Rector leaving, the vacancy involving extra work and the formation of the proposed new benefice. The PCC is very grateful to her for her competence and expertise – all done with a cheerful manner.

### **Retiring PCC members**

Richard and Gill D'Arcy and Pat Sainsbury retired from the PCC in 2024. Both Richard and Gill contributed hugely to the life of the church and the PCC is grateful to all of them for the support they have given.

### **Rosemary Keep PCC Secretary**

## **CHURCHWARDENS REPORT**

At the beginning of 2024 we knew that our Rector, Revd Alison Way, would be leaving us at Easter. So, from January we had many planning meetings preparing us for vacancy. Alison's last Sunday with us was Easter Sunday and in April a few of us went to see Alison installed in her new Parish.

So, after Easter the vacancy began. We have been blessed to have Revd Lydia Avery, Revd Ken Masters, Revd Diane Barrett and Revd Hilary Jalland taking our services and giving us so much support. We must also thank our Reader, Penny Ashton, for all the work she does. Our Parish Administrator, Rachel Feltham, has worked extremely hard to ensure we have all of our services covered and is such a great help to our church and to us personally. Thank you, Rachel.

There was much work to be done on creating a Parish Profile together with the other churches in our planned new Benefice. We thank Chris Avery and Janet Lowe who were our representatives, for their hard work and Rachel Feltham for putting the profile together.

At the end of July, the lead was taken off of the vestry roof. It's difficult to call this a theft because the perpetrators left the lead in the churchyard. This act of vandalism which nobody benefitted from has

cost the church a large amount of money. We are very grateful to all who have donated money to the roof appeal. Thanks go to Jim Ebner for taking on the job of sorting this out.

In December once again the children from the Primary School came into church to perform their nativity and carol services to a packed church, always great fun. Our carol service was well attended. Thank you to John Beaven for his music throughout the year and his work with the choir.

This year we sadly report the deaths of Roger Lowe, Ron and Mavis Lawrence, Molly Bishop, Gwen Evans, Joyce Bentley and Irene Rix. We miss them all.

We are required to keep the log book up to date and check the inventory. We have also completed our part of the Statistics for Mission form.

We would like to thank Mary Wallis, our deputy warden, who is such a great help to us. Sadly, our other deputy warden, Sylvie Pattison, has stepped down due to ill health. We would like to record our thanks to her. Thanks go to Gill and Richard D'Arcy for keeping the wafers/wine etc well stocked. We must also thank Colin Wallis who prepares the church every Sunday morning for us. He is always so helpful.

We have both decided not to stand for the role of churchwarden at the APCM in 2025, we will of course give the new wardens our help and support.

**Gill Oaten and Judy Chiplen**  
**Churchwardens**

## **TOWER CAPTAIN REPORT**

The bells of Wincanton are generally rung every Sunday morning for Service and every Tuesday evening for Practice.

Our weekly practice evenings are well attended, usually with some ringers from other local towers, and our 'newer' ringers are progressing well with their ringing skills and knowledge.

However, the year began on a sad note as we said goodbye to Roger Lowe, who had been a stalwart ringer here for many years. Many thanks to the band who rang a Quarter Peal for him after his Memorial Service in January. This was conducted by Sam Shead, who learned to ring at Wincanton, and is now Tower Captain at Wells Cathedral.

There were two more Quarter Peals rung by visiting ringers, and three more visiting bands for general ringing.

We welcomed ringers from other local towers to branch practices here on two occasions, in May and October, as well as the summer Quarterly Meeting in June

In November we were asked by the Town Council to ring the bells to announce the Christmas Lights Switch-on and, of course, we were very happy to do so.

I am always grateful to Adrian Chiplen who, with assistance from Richard D'Arcy and Chris Smith, continues to keep our bells in good working order.

**Janet Lowe**  
**Tower Captain**

## FABRIC REPORT

The boiler, fire extinguishers and lightning conductor were all serviced in 2024 with no problems.

At last, we have had a year with no boiler breakdown. The filters in the electric fan heaters in the church have been washed and the heaters hoovered out. I am a little concerned that the heaters are not generating the heat that we would like. I will consult the boiler engineer when the boiler is next serviced.

The drains are regularly cleaned out, but have been severely tested in 2024 especially the drain by the tower.

The outside white lines were painted.

We must record our thanks to the town council team who look after our churchyard. I would like to thank Colin Wallis for all his help.

**Adrian Chiplen**

## ROOF REPORT

**Summary:** An attempt was made to steal lead from the vestry roof in August 2024, resulting in the lead being stripped off and dumped in the churchyard and Cale Park. The lead was not recoverable for re-use although some small scrap value was achieved for church funds. The local Police were not able to gather any leads as to who were responsible for this crime.

Philip Hughes Associates in Wincanton were engaged as architects to manage the lead renewal and after a competitive tender, Ellis & Co were selected to carry out the work. The work was scheduled to commence on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and take between three to four weeks.

The insurance claim from Ecclesiastical covered only a proportion of the costs, and the PCC therefore decided to install a roof and vestry security alarm. This would ensure that any further roof lead losses were fully covered and provide a significant reduction in future insurance premiums.

The PCC received a grant from the Benefact Trust towards the cost of the roof alarm. No grants were available towards the roof repair costs as the works were under the auspices of an insurance claim.

### Financial Breakdown of Repairs:

<b>COSTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Roof works (Ellis), total	32,326	Cheapest quote
Professional fees (PHA)	4,849	15% of tender price
Roof & Vestry Alarm	5,174	
	<b>42,349</b>	
VAT	8,470	
	<b>50,819</b>	
<b>FUNDING</b>		
Insurance rebate	8,623	
Alarm grant	2,318	
Roof appeal fund	26,921	Balance at end Dec 2024
	<b>37,862</b>	
Less VAT rebate	<b>8,470</b>	To be claimed in 2025
Balance to find	<b>4,218</b>	from Fabric fund

**Jim Ebner**

## **MOTHERS' UNION REPORT**

As at the end of 2024, the Mothers' Union met nine times during the year:

We did not meet in January, September or December but in **February** we met in Church for our annual Wave of Prayer with readings and music, connecting with the Mothers' Union worldwide. In **June** we were visited by Madeline Hellier, our Mothers' Union President, in **July** we held our annual Garden Party and Quiz and in **August** celebrated in Church for Mary Sumner Day our founder of Mothers' Union. Other notable meetings were:

**March** – Community Church Food Bank

**April** – Favourite Hymns & Prayers

**May** - Decorated hats

**October** – Discussion about The Generation Gap

**November** – Madeline Hellier talk about the Mothers' Union

**Kath White**

**Mothers' Union Branch Leader**

## **ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT**

As at the end of 2024, the Electoral Roll stood at 69. Three stalwart members of the congregation died during 2024 but three new members were added to the roll.

A complete renewal of the Electoral Roll will be undertaken in 2025. However, additions can be made to the Roll at any time after the APCM. Please let me know of anyone who might like to be included in the future. Members must have been on the Electoral Roll for 6 months before serving on the PCC.

I would like to thank Rachel Feltham, the Parish Administrator, for her continued support in maintaining the Electoral Roll.

**Rosemary Keep**

**Electoral Roll Officer**

## **ZAMBIA LINK REPORT**

The proceeds of the Lent activities were again earmarked for our Zambia Link church of St John, Chingola: Lent lunch, Lent boxes and Gift Aid for both 2023 and 2024 amounting to £450.89.

As there had been no contact with Fr Alfred Sichone, the priest at St John's, this was withheld until we felt that it was safe to send our donation. Christmas greetings were sent to St John's which engendered a response from Fr Sichone and it was decided to send the £450.89 to the Diocese for onward transmission to Zambia. To date there is no news that it has arrived at St John's.

As ever, grateful thanks to everyone who generously supports our Zambia Link fund and in particular to Gill Oaten who always organises the Lent Lunch so well.

**Rosemary Keep**

**Zambia Link Representative**

# The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wincanton

Charity Number 1154897

## 2024 Financial Review

Wincanton Parish Church received a total unrestricted income of £51,385 in 2024 with a total unrestricted expenditure of £54,429. This means a deficit of £3,044 for general funds, an improvement on the 2023 deficit of £4,413. This income included £7,223 from gift aid claims and £874 from VAT reclaims under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. Expenditure included £21,522 to the Bath & Wells Diocese towards the Parish Share. Unfortunately, the Church was only able to pay 75% of the £28,683 share that was due to the Diocese. The Trustees aim to keep a minimum of £4,000 in the general funds for the ongoing running of the Church which meant full payment of the share was not possible in 2024.

Further grants, legacies and donations towards the roof appeal meant an additional income of £39,023 towards restricted funds, including £15,336 VAT reclaimed under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. Expenditure on the major roof repairs resulted in £29,190 being spent from restricted funds.

## Reserves

The general funds have decreased from £7,173 to £4,129.

Designated funds for re-ordering remain at £45,001. The Roof Appeal fund increased from £20,448 to £28,363. There is a smaller final payment left for the initial roof work. Unfortunately, some lead was vandalised in late 2024 which means the remainder of this fund will be spent on replacement/repair. Other restricted funds total £8,835.58.

Due to the increase in the Roof Appeal fund, overall reserves have increased from £79,540 to £86,239.

The accounts have been independently examined, the Balance Sheet and Analysis of Income and Expenditure for the year are included.

*Phil Thomas*

Treasurer

St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Wincanton - X 92418 0 581

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
<b>Current assets</b>			
6501	Bank current account	£76,366.78	£69,446.17
6505	Bank deposit account	£1,500.35	£1,500.35
6510	CCLA (CBF) deposit account	£9,239.75	£8,774.04
6511	CBF Appeals account	£152.08	£144.42
6512	CBF Fabric account	£27.53	£26.15
6591	Coventry BS	—	—
<b>Total Current assets</b>		<b>£87,286.49</b>	<b>£79,891.13</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
6699	Agency collections	£957.64	£351.25
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>£957.64</b>	<b>£351.25</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>		<b>£86,328.85</b>	<b>£79,539.88</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	£6,788.97	—
Z01	Starting balances	£79,539.88	£79,539.88
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>£86,328.85</b>	<b>£79,539.88</b>

<b>Represented by Funds</b>		
Unrestricted	£4,129.00	£7,172.99
Designated	£45,000.83	£45,000.83
Restricted	£37,199.02	£27,366.06
Endowment	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>£86,328.85</b>	<b>£79,539.88</b>

**Analysis of income and expenditure**  
**Period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Incoming resources</b>						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
<b>Voluntary income</b>						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	£23,197.74	—	£250.00	—	£23,447.74	£21,625.05
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	£1,011.80	—	£40.00	—	£1,051.80	£1,237.70
0201 - Other planned giving	£40.00	—	—	—	£40.00	£120.00
0301 - Loose plate collections	£1,062.45	—	—	—	£1,062.45	£1,772.24
0410 - Giving through church boxes	£574.34	—	£305.00	—	£879.34	£834.50
0550 - Donations appeals etc	£937.32	—	£20,064.00	—	£21,001.32	£48,848.71
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£7,223.42	—	£423.75	—	£7,647.17	£9,969.50
0701 - Legacies	—	—	£2,000.00	—	£2,000.00	£16,018.84
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	£874.33	—	£15,335.60	—	£16,209.93	£3,799.52
0901 - Other funds generated	£11,096.40	—	£605.00	—	£11,701.40	£11,142.50
<b>Voluntary income Sub-totals</b>	<b>£46,017.80</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£39,023.35</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£85,041.15</b>	<b>£115,368.56</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>						
0910 - Rummage sales etc	£133.30	—	—	—	£133.30	£447.83
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	£200.00	—	—	—	£200.00	£865.00
<b>Activities for generating funds Sub-totals</b>	<b>£333.30</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£333.30</b>	<b>£1,312.83</b>
<b>Investment income</b>						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	£2,534.10	—	—	—	£2,534.10	£1,692.70
<b>Investment income Sub-totals</b>	<b>£2,534.10</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£2,534.10</b>	<b>£1,692.70</b>
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	£48,885.20	—	£39,023.35	—	£87,908.55	£118,374.09
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
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1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	£2,499.80	—	—	—	£2,499.80	£2,640.00
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities Sub-totals</b>	<b>£2,499.80</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£2,499.80</b>	<b>£2,640.00</b>
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	£2,499.80	—	—	—	£2,499.80	£2,640.00
<b>Incoming resources Grand totals</b>	<b>£51,385.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£39,023.35</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£90,408.35</b>	<b>£121,014.09</b>

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Resources used</b>						
Cost of generating funds						
<b>Cost of generating voluntary income</b>						
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	—	—	—	—	—	£873.00
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	£85.00	—	—	—	£85.00	£72.00
<b>Cost of generating voluntary income Sub-totals</b>	£85.00	—	—	—	£85.00	£945.00
<b>Cost of generating funds Totals</b>	£85.00	—	—	—	£85.00	£945.00
Charitable activities						
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1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	£20.00	—	—	—	£20.00	£254.43
1850 - Home mission	£149.70	—	—	—	£149.70	£185.90
1870 - Secular charities	£80.00	—	—	—	£80.00	£280.00
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	£21,522.00	—	—	—	£21,522.00	£24,887.12
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	£7,965.13	—	—	—	£7,965.13	£7,556.04
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	£1,465.57	—	—	—	£1,465.57	£2,729.39
2301 - Church running - insurance	£4,076.87	—	—	—	£4,076.87	£3,863.89
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	£307.99	—	—	—	£307.99	—
2330 - Church maintenance	£1,270.82	—	£216.00	—	£1,486.82	£2,005.83
2340 - Upkeep of services	£5,040.30	—	£179.13	—	£5,219.43	£4,652.68
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	£80.00	—	—	—	£80.00	—
2360 - Administration	£6,851.30	—	—	—	£6,851.30	£7,888.85
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	£1.35	—	—	—	£1.35	£253.40
2401 - Church running - electric	£2,002.41	—	—	—	£2,002.41	£2,793.66
2410 - Church running - gas	£1,939.66	—	—	—	£1,939.66	£2,987.11
2420 - Church running - water	£129.09	—	—	—	£129.09	£126.22
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	£1,441.80	—	£28,795.26	—	£30,237.06	£98,255.87
2801 - Church major repairs Project Management	—	—	—	—	—	£7,973.16
2820 - Church major repairs Consultancy	—	—	—	—	—	£3,273.13
<b>Charitable activities Sub-totals</b>	£54,343.99	—	£29,190.39	—	£83,534.38	£169,966.68
<b>Charitable activities Totals</b>	£54,343.99	—	£29,190.39	—	£83,534.38	£169,966.68
<b>Resources used Grand totals</b>	£54,428.99	—	£29,190.39	—	£83,619.38	£170,911.68



Section A

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Signed:

Date:

25/02/2025

Name:

Peter Gay

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

NONE

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PCC Secretary	Mrs Rosemary Keep	" 2023

Through the year there were 6 PCC meetings all held in the church. A working group of the rector, wardens, reader and administrator continued to meet between PCC meetings to agree PCC agendas and handle immediate issues. Some decisions had to be made between meetings in consultation with members which were subsequently ratified at following meetings.

The PCC is a statutory body and is required to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. In addition, the PCC is responsible for the care, maintenance and insurance of the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church and the care of the Churchyard in order to ensure that present and future community needs are met. The PCC advises and provides guidance on all matters undertaken in the name of St Peter and St Paul Wincanton. The PCC is responsible for monitoring church finances and expenditure.

### Fundraising Committee

As the hiatus of the coronavirus pandemic was finally at an end, full fundraising was able to take place again. The regular monthly coffee mornings in the Church became increasingly popular with a Knit-In and Plant Sale as add-ons. The annual Summer Church Path Fete and Christmas Fayre were held in the Church and a Bingo Evening took place in the Memorial Hall.

### Social Committee

As above, the Social Committee was able to resume a full service of providing catering for refreshments after the Sunday service, with additional helpers recruited, and also the Lent Lunch, the Happy Harvest event and the Harvest Lunch.

### Brief Review of 2023

There was a full return to normal church life after the hiatus of the lockdown periods during the coronavirus pandemic. As above the annual Lent Lunch was held with funds going to our Zambia link church, St John, Chingola. The Church celebrated the coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla in May. There was a successful Happy Harvest event for families when the Church was filled with

children participating in the various activities. The Annual Remembrance Day Service was very well attended and supported by Wincanton RBL with the Army Air Corps on parade. There was a full range of Christmas activities including a Christingle, a Carol Service, a Crib Service and for a couple of weeks the school used the church for their Christmas events.

The PCC has continued to undertake necessary work regarding Safeguarding (see below), Risk Assessments and a Disability Audit was undertaken.

The PCC was able to initiate the repairs to the roof after successful grant fundraising by Richard D'Arcy and Roger Lowe. The work was completed on time and under budget by the end of the year. Without the worries of the coronavirus pandemic, the Rector was at last able to concentrate on plans for the ongoing work of the church and she was really getting into her stride with new initiatives including setting up an Alpha Course. The PCC is grateful to Rev Way for her spiritual, pastoral and social leadership of the Church.

### **Safeguarding commitment**

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.) Nicky King continued as Safeguarding Officer with Janet Lowe looking after the admin side.

### **Parish Office**

Rachel Feltham, the Parish Administrator, maintained her excellent work in running the Parish Office and the everyday organisation of the Church. She overcame a difficult period dealing with telephone and printer problems in the office and the PCC is grateful to her for the competent and cheerful manner she carries out her role.

### **Retiring PCC member**

Roger Lowe stood down as a PCC member in November due to ill health. The PCC expressed gratitude to him for his contribution, particularly as Gift Aid Officer.

### **Rosemary Keep**

#### **PCC Secretary**

## **CHURCHWARDENS REPORT**

We started 2023 with the various things as churchwardens we are required to do. We made sure the log book was up to date and this was presented to the PCC. We checked the inventory and completed our part of the Statistics for Mission form.

With all of our services back to normal after covid we enjoyed several joint services with Pen Selwood. In May we paid tribute to our new King with a Songs of Praise and a celebratory drink after the service. Throughout the summer, Bishop Michael hosted evenings at the Bishop's Palace Wells, to thank churchwardens for their commitment to the role. We attended an evening in June. It started with Choral Evensong in the Cathedral followed by drinks and nibbles in the Palace garden served by Bishop Michael and his wife Lizzie. It was a beautiful warm evening and we were able to wander around the Palace gardens. We had a great time!

In December we had the usual Primary School nativities and carol services. It was lovely to see the church so full and the children were delightful.

The tower and organ loft roofs were replaced. The work started in October and was finished by Christmas. The scaffolding was amazing. We must thank Richard D'Arcy, Roger Lowe and latterly Jim Ebner, for their hard work on this project. Also thanks go to Adrian Chiplen and Colin Wallis for liaising with the workmen.

We have a contactless card machine in the church now – we have finally arrived in the 21<sup>st</sup> century! Thank you to Jim Ebner for his work on this.

This year John Tough passed away, many of us went to a beautiful service for him at the crematorium. Also for most of this year we have missed seeing Roger Lowe in our church due to illness and sadly he passed away early in 2024. Roger was such a big part of our church life and we miss him.

We would like to thank our deputy wardens, Mary Wallis and Sylvie Pattison, who are such a great help to us. Thanks also go to Penny Ashton our Reader and to all the retired clergy who regularly help us with services, in particular Ken Masters and Lydia Avery. Our Parish Administrator, Rachel Feltham, is such a great help to our church and to us personally.

Finally, in December, we heard the difficult news that Alison would be leaving us at Easter 2024. We would like to thank her for her ministry over the last four years and for all she has achieved at St Peter and St Paul. We send her our love and prayers as she leaves for pastures new.

**Gill Oaten and Judy Chiplen  
Churchwardens.**

### **TOWER CAPTAIN REPORT**

The bells of Wincanton are generally rung every Sunday morning for Service and every Tuesday evening for Practice.

In March we opened the Tower for the Wincanton History Day, and received much interest in the bells and bell ringing. Giving people the opportunity to 'have a go' produced several new recruits. Since then, Jim Ebner, Aaron Moreton and Lily Moreton have become valuable members of our band as they continue to improve their skills.

The bells were rung for one wedding on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Thirteen Wincanton ringers, including Rev Alison and all the new recruits, rang the bells joyfully for the Coronation of King Charles III on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

We welcomed ringers from other local towers to branch practices here on two occasions, in January and July.

We have had teams of visiting ringers on seven occasions, three of which were for Quarter Peals, and one Full Peal.

In September, we hosted the Annual Eight Bell Striking Competition of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. I am pleased to report that the Cary Branch band gained a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Many thanks to the Catering Team who provided a wonderful "Ringers' Tea".

I am always grateful to Adrian Chiplen who, with assistance from Richard D'Arcy and Chris Smith, continues to keep our bells in good working order.

**Janet Lowe,  
Tower Captain.**

### **DEANERY SYNOD REPORT**

Deanery Synod met in March, July and October of 2023, but unfortunately neither Wincanton nor Penselwood was represented at the October meeting.

Most of the synod's time this year has been taken up with considering and discussing the plans for the reorganisation of the benefices in order to achieve the required reduction in paid clergy from 8.5 to 7. The draft plan that was eventually agreed at Deanery Synod in July was then forwarded to The Wells Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Group meeting in November and we have been informed that it received approval there. There will now follow a time of further consultation with the parishes. At the October Synod, Penny, who had volunteered to serve was approved as a member of the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group.

The Ascension Day service this year was held in Wincanton and the lively style of worship was much appreciated by all who attended. The preacher at this service was Rev Ann Gell, currently acting Dean of Wells who had been unable to preach in 2022 due to Covid.

Wincanton and Pen Selwood also led the opening worship at the July synod meeting, with a theme of rejoicing in God's plan for our future, even though at times it can be hard to understand. Our thanks are due to Alison for organising these two worship events.

**Penny Ashton**

**Deanery Synod Representative.**

### **ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT**

As at the end of 2023, the Electoral Roll stood at 69 – an increase of 5 from last year. With life returning to normal after the coronavirus new people were attending services and social events, so it was possible to encourage them to join the Church Electoral Roll. Hopefully this trend will continue.

Additions can be made to the Electoral Roll at any time after the APCM. Please let me know of anyone who might like to be included in the future.

I would like to thank Rachel Feltham, the Parish Administrator, for her continued support in maintaining the Electoral Roll.

**Rosemary Keep**

**Electoral Roll Officer.**

### **ZAMBIA LINK REPORT**

The proceeds from the Lent activities of the lunch, boxes and the Good Friday service collection were all contributed to the donation to our Zambia Link Church, St John, Chingola. This amounted to £391.18 and was sent to the Diocese for onward transmission.

Unfortunately, contact with St John was rather sparse during the year, despite greetings being sent for Easter and Christmas. It is understood that the priests are moved around quite frequently in Zambia so an effort will be made to regain contact.

As ever, grateful thanks to all those who generously support our Zambia Link fund and in particular to Gill Oaten who always organises the Lent Lunch so well.

**Rosemary Keep**

**Zambia Link Representative.**

### **FABRIC REPORT**

The church had a full electric check in January. We were told our electrics are "satisfactory", it will be checked again in 2026.

The boiler, lightning conductor and fire extinguishers were all serviced and we had all the portable electrical items tested.

As noted in the fabric report 2022 the church boiler needed a new burner, this was completed at the beginning of 2023. It would be lovely to have a year when the boiler wasn't causing a problem, sadly that was not the case for 2023. The boiler started losing pressure at the beginning of December. With the help of Colin Wallis we managed to nurse the boiler until after Christmas, with only a couple of cold services.

The drains and gullies were emptied. White lines inside and outside were re-painted.

As reported last year the rope on the flagpole was cut. In 2023 the flagpole was taken down and the rope replaced ready for the King's Coronation. Thank you to all who helped with this.

Finally we record our thanks to the town council workers who look after the churchyard. I would like to thank Colin Wallis for his help particularly with the boiler.

**Adrian Chiplen.**

### **Organ Loft Roof & Tower Roof Replacement**

In 2020 the opportunity arose, for us, to apply for grant funding under the Covid-19 Emergency Heritage at Risk Fund, from Historic England. An application was prepared and submitted by Sam, our architect, in August 2020. In October 2020 we were notified our application had been successful, and we had been awarded £8,335 towards the cost for development stage fees, up to Tender Invitations.

Tenders were invited. In March 2021 four contractors returned tenders within the specified tender period. Purely on a financial basis, our architect recommended we accept the tender submitted by Ellis & Co. Subsequently, the PCC agreed to Ellis & Co being our preferred contractor.

A Faculty application was submitted in June 2021 and approval was granted in August 2021.

A site meeting was held in the church in July 2021, with Gary Watson from the Diocese, to seek guidance relating to potential grant funding bodies. Gary subsequently sent us a list of potential funding bodies, to which we could apply.

The onerous task of seeking grant funding began in December 2021. Firstly, by sending letters to various, less known, grant funding bodies in an effort to secure an element of funding, to set the ball rolling. This had limited success and it soon became evident that grant applications needed to be submitted to larger, more widely known, funding bodies.

Detailed and comprehensive applications were prepared and submitted, with the final application being submitted in April 2023. During this period, we were fortunate in securing additional funding, with the final award, to us, being made in May 2023. This resulted in sufficient funding being achieved.

As the process in securing sufficient funding was over a long period, the overall cost of the project had risen significantly. Revised project costs were submitted by Ellis & Co.

The initial overall project cost in June 2021 was £128,860.31(Incl VAT)

In March 2023 the overall cost had risen to £158,319.65 (Incl VAT)

In July 2023 the overall cost had risen to £162,248.44 (Incl VAT)

In July 2023 the revised tender, by Ellis & Co, was formally accepted by our architect, on behalf of the PCC. This ensured there would be no further increase in the overall project cost. In September 2023 a pre-contract meeting was held in the church, with interested parties.

Work on both roofs commenced on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 and was completed on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023, slightly ahead of the scheduled date of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

This work was always going to be undertaken during the Autumn months, due to the evidence of Bats within the tower.

All of the project invoices have been paid. All of the VAT element on each invoice has been reclaimed, via the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

A small retention is being held by the PCC for the 12-month defect liability period. This will become payable in December 2024.

**Richard D'Arcy**

## **2023 Financial Review**

The Church received unrestricted income of £55,859 in 2023 with unrestricted expenditure of £60,272. This means a deficit of £4,413 for the general funds which is an improvement on the 2022 deficit of £5,926. This income included £8,980 from gift aid claims and £3,800 from VAT reclaims. Expenditure included £24,887 to the Bath & Wells Diocese towards the Parish Share.

Further grants, legacies and donations towards the roof appeal meant an additional income of £65,155 towards restricted funds. Expenditure from restricted funds totalled £110,640 which includes £3,273 in final payments for the organ rebuild, and £106,229 towards the roof repair.

## **Reserves**

The general funds have decreased from £11,586 to £7,173.

Designated funds for re-ordering remain at £45,001. The Roof Appeal stands at £20,448 at the end of 2023, further payments were made at the start of 2024 with the final payments due at the end of 2024. Other restricted funds total £6,918.

Overall reserves have decreased from £129,437 to £79,540.

The accounts have been independently examined, the Balance Sheet and Analysis of Income and Expenditure for the year are included.

*Phil Thomas*

Treasurer

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
<b>Current assets</b>			
6501	Bank current account	£69,446.17	£51,438.52
6505	Bank deposit account	£1,500.35	£1,500.35
6510	CCLA (CBF) deposit account	£8,774.04	£8,501.57
6511	CBF Appeals account	£144.42	£139.94
6512	CBF Fabric account	£26.15	£25.34
6591	Coventry BS	—	£68,289.75
<b>Total Current assets</b>		<b>£79,891.13</b>	<b>£129,895.47</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
6699	Agency collections	£351.25	£458.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>£351.25</b>	<b>£458.00</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>		<b>£79,539.88</b>	<b>£129,437.47</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(£49,897.59)	—
Z01	Starting balances	£129,437.47	£129,437.47
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>£79,539.88</b>	<b>£129,437.47</b>

<b>Represented by Funds</b>		
Unrestricted	£7,172.99	£11,585.51
Designated	£45,000.83	£45,000.83
Restricted	£27,366.06	£72,851.13
Endowment	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>£79,539.88</b>	<b>£129,437.47</b>

**Analysis of income and expenditure**  
**Period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Incoming resources</b>						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
<b>Voluntary income</b>						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	£20,961.05	—	£664.00	—	£21,625.05	£23,896.78
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	£1,117.70	—	£120.00	—	£1,237.70	£664.58
0201 - Other planned giving	£120.00	—	—	—	£120.00	£120.00
0301 - Loose plate collections	£1,770.24	—	£2.00	—	£1,772.24	£1,982.11
0401 - Regular gift days	—	—	—	—	—	£25.00
0410 - Giving through church boxes	£637.50	—	£197.00	—	£834.50	£430.00
0550 - Donations appeals etc	£1,684.71	—	£47,164.00	—	£48,848.71	£4,704.55
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£8,980.37	—	£989.13	—	£9,969.50	£6,656.77
0701 - Legacies	—	—	£16,018.84	—	£16,018.84	—
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	£3,799.52	—	—	—	£3,799.52	£12,371.17
0901 - Other funds generated	£11,142.50	—	—	—	£11,142.50	£10,908.30
<b>Voluntary income Sub-totals</b>	<b>£50,213.59</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£65,154.97</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£115,368.56</b>	<b>£61,759.26</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>						
0910 - Rummage sales etc	£447.83	—	—	—	£447.83	—
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	£865.00	—	—	—	£865.00	£170.00
<b>Activities for generating funds Sub-totals</b>	<b>£1,312.83</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£1,312.83</b>	<b>£170.00</b>
<b>Investment income</b>						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	£1,692.70	—	—	—	£1,692.70	£640.11
<b>Investment income Sub-totals</b>	<b>£1,692.70</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£1,692.70</b>	<b>£640.11</b>
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	£53,219.12	—	£65,154.97	—	£118,374.09	£62,569.37
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	£2,640.00	—	—	—	£2,640.00	£1,205.00
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities Sub-totals</b>	<b>£2,640.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£2,640.00</b>	<b>£1,205.00</b>
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	£2,640.00	—	—	—	£2,640.00	£1,205.00

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Incoming resources</b>	£55,859.12	—	£65,154.97	—	£121,014.09	£63,774.37
<b>Grand totals</b>						

## Resources used

Cost of generating funds

### Cost of generating voluntary income

1710 - Costs of applying for grants	—	—	£873.00	—	£873.00	£1,675.57
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	£72.00	—	—	—	£72.00	£166.75

### Cost of generating voluntary income Sub-totals

	£72.00	—	£873.00	—	£945.00	£1,842.32
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Cost of generating funds  
Totals

	£72.00	—	£873.00	—	£945.00	£1,842.32
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Charitable activities

### Charitable activities

1801 - Giving to missionary societies	—	—	—	—	—	£190.17
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	£254.43	—	—	—	£254.43	—
1850 - Home mission	£185.90	—	—	—	£185.90	£202.75
1870 - Secular charities	£280.00	—	—	—	£280.00	£80.00
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	£24,887.12	—	—	—	£24,887.12	£24,399.68
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	£7,556.04	—	—	—	£7,556.04	£7,225.12
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	£2,729.39	—	—	—	£2,729.39	£2,300.43
2301 - Church running - insurance	£3,863.89	—	—	—	£3,863.89	£3,333.50
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	—	—	—	—	—	£347.70
2330 - Church maintenance	£2,005.83	—	—	—	£2,005.83	£4,905.46
2340 - Upkeep of services	£4,387.80	—	£264.88	—	£4,652.68	£4,765.12
2360 - Administration	£7,888.85	—	—	—	£7,888.85	£6,683.29
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	£253.40	—	—	—	£253.40	£277.10
2401 - Church running - electric	£2,793.66	—	—	—	£2,793.66	£1,351.37
2410 - Church running - gas	£2,987.11	—	—	—	£2,987.11	£978.95
2420 - Church running - water	£126.22	—	—	—	£126.22	£84.74
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	—	—	£98,255.87	—	£98,255.87	—
2801 - Church major repairs Project Management	—	—	£7,973.16	—	£7,973.16	—
2820 - Church major repairs Consultancy	—	—	£3,273.13	—	£3,273.13	£18,000.00

### Charitable activities Sub-totals

	£60,199.64	—	£109,767.04	—	£169,966.68	£75,125.38
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Charitable activities Totals

	£60,199.64	—	£109,767.04	—	£169,966.68	£75,125.38
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## Resources used Grand totals

	£60,271.64	—	£110,640.04	—	£170,911.68	£76,967.70
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**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees**

**On accounts for the year ended**  **Charity no (if any)**

**Set out on pages**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

**Signed:**  **Date:**

**Name:**

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):**

**Address:**

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WINCANTON**

England & Wales - Charity number 1154897

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# Accounts

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## 2022 Financial Review

This review has been completed in accordance with the example Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council provided by the Diocese of Bath & Wells, and the example on the Charity Commission website.

The Church has had a difficult year in 2022 returning a deficit of £13,193, mainly due to significant costs in repairing the church organ. Receipts for unrestricted funds totalled £49,876, of which £47,861 was from unrestricted voluntary donations and fund-raising activities including tax recoverable on gift aid (£6,597). Restricted donations of £3,898 and a grant of £10,000 towards the Roof Appeal brings total income to £63,774 for 2022. The total income in 2021 was £52,838, the increase is mainly accounted for by the grant.

£76,968 was spent from funds to provide Christian Ministry from St Peter & St Paul's Church including a £24,400 contribution to the diocesan parish share. This contribution returned to a higher level following a reduction in 2021 through the pandemic. Total expenditure in 2021 was £52,227, the increase in 2022 was mainly due to £21,165 being spent from restricted funds on costs including the organ repair.

## Reserves

The net result for the year was an excess of expenditure over income of £5,926 for unrestricted funds leaving the General Fund with a balance of £11,586.

Designated funds for re-ordering at year-end are £45,001. £50,000 was moved in to the Roof Appeal which stands at £63,662. Other restricted funds total £9,187 after legacy funds were used towards to organ repair.

Overall reserves have decreased from £142,631 to £129,437.

The Balance Sheet and Analysis of Income and Expenditure for the year are included.

*Phil Thomas*

Treasurer

St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Wincanton - X 92418 0 581

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
<b>Current assets</b>			
6501	Bank current account	£51,438.52	£65,623.40
6505	Bank deposit account	£1,500.35	£1,500.35
6510	CCLA (CBF) deposit account	£8,501.57	£8,391.20
6511	CBF Appeals account	£139.94	£138.12
6512	CBF Fabric account	£25.34	£25.02
6590	Cash in hand	—	—
6591	Coventry BS	£68,289.75	£67,882.46
PC2014	Petty Cash	—	—
<b>Total Current assets</b>		<b>£129,895.47</b>	<b>£143,560.55</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
6699	Agency collections	£458.00	£929.75
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>£458.00</b>	<b>£929.75</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>		<b>£129,437.47</b>	<b>£142,630.80</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(£13,193.33)	—
Z01	Starting balances	£142,630.80	£142,630.80
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>£129,437.47</b>	<b>£142,630.80</b>

<b>Represented by Funds</b>		
Unrestricted	£11,585.51	£17,511.68
Designated	£45,000.83	£95,000.83
Restricted	£72,851.13	£30,118.29
Endowment	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>£129,437.47</b>	<b>£142,630.80</b>

**Analysis of income and expenditure**  
**Period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022**

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Incoming resources</b>						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
<b>Voluntary income</b>						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	£23,756.78	—	£140.00	—	£23,896.78	£24,497.63
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	£664.58	—	—	—	£664.58	£1,302.50
0201 - Other planned giving	£120.00	—	—	—	£120.00	£220.00
0301 - Loose plate collections	£1,982.11	—	—	—	£1,982.11	£634.15
0401 - Regular gift days	£25.00	—	—	—	£25.00	—
0410 - Giving through church boxes	£160.00	—	£270.00	—	£430.00	£40.00
0550 - Donations appeals etc	£1,276.48	—	£3,428.07	—	£4,704.55	£4,436.23
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£6,596.77	—	£60.00	—	£6,656.77	£6,664.91
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	£2,371.17	—	£10,000.00	—	£12,371.17	£3,864.01
0901 - Other funds generated	£10,908.30	—	—	—	£10,908.30	£6,337.23
<b>Voluntary income Sub-totals</b>	<b>£47,861.19</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£13,898.07</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£61,759.26</b>	<b>£47,996.66</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>						
0910 - Rummage sales etc	—	—	—	—	—	£894.00
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	£170.00	—	—	—	£170.00	£420.00
<b>Activities for generating funds Sub-totals</b>	<b>£170.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£170.00</b>	<b>£1,314.00</b>
<b>Investment income</b>						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	£640.11	—	—	—	£640.11	£1,960.32
<b>Investment income Sub-totals</b>	<b>£640.11</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£640.11</b>	<b>£1,960.32</b>
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	£48,671.30	—	£13,898.07	—	£62,569.37	£51,270.98
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	£1,205.00	—	—	—	£1,205.00	£1,442.00
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	—	—	—	—	—	£125.00
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities Sub-totals</b>	<b>£1,205.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£1,205.00</b>	<b>£1,567.00</b>
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	£1,205.00	—	—	—	£1,205.00	£1,567.00

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Incoming resources</b>	£49,876.30	—	£13,898.07	—	£63,774.37	£52,837.98
<b>Grand totals</b>						

## Resources used

### Cost of generating funds

#### Cost of generating voluntary income

1710 - Costs of applying for grants	£1,675.57	—	—	—	£1,675.57	—
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	£166.75	—	—	—	£166.75	£57.29

#### Cost of generating voluntary income Sub-totals

	£1,842.32	—	—	—	£1,842.32	£57.29
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### Cost of generating funds Totals

	£1,842.32	—	—	—	£1,842.32	£57.29
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### Charitable activities

#### Charitable activities

1801 - Giving to missionary societies	£190.17	—	—	—	£190.17	—
1850 - Home mission	£202.75	—	—	—	£202.75	£716.18
1870 - Secular charities	£80.00	—	—	—	£80.00	£50.00
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	£24,399.68	—	—	—	£24,399.68	£14,654.00
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	£7,225.12	—	—	—	£7,225.12	£6,879.81
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	£2,300.43	—	—	—	£2,300.43	£1,745.49
2301 - Church running - insurance	£3,333.50	—	—	—	£3,333.50	£3,174.38
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	£227.70	—	£120.00	—	£347.70	£371.60
2330 - Church maintenance	£2,687.98	—	£2,217.48	—	£4,905.46	£14,083.28
2340 - Upkeep of services	£4,728.14	—	£36.98	—	£4,765.12	£2,455.49
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	—	—	—	—	—	£16.00
2360 - Administration	£5,892.52	—	£790.77	—	£6,683.29	£6,644.79
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	£277.10	—	—	—	£277.10	£42.80
2401 - Church running - electric	£1,351.37	—	—	—	£1,351.37	£707.11
2410 - Church running - gas	£978.95	—	—	—	£978.95	£546.30
2420 - Church running - water	£84.74	—	—	—	£84.74	£82.42
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	—	—	£18,000.00	—	£18,000.00	—

#### Charitable activities Sub-totals

	£53,960.15	—	£21,165.23	—	£75,125.38	£52,169.65
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### Charitable activities Totals

	£53,960.15	—	£21,165.23	—	£75,125.38	£52,169.65
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## Resources used Grand totals

	£55,802.47	—	£21,165.23	—	£76,967.70	£52,226.94
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**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wincanton		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1154897
	<b>Set out on pages</b> 1 and 1 to 2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report** As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

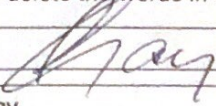
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement** I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**  **Date:** 31/03/2023

**Name:** Peter Gay

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** None

**Address:** 18 Greenway Close  
Wincanton, Somerset  
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WINCANTON**

England & Wales - Charity number 1154897

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# Accounts

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## **2021 Financial Review**

This review has been completed in accordance with the example Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council provided by the Diocese of Bath & Wells and the example on the Charity Commission website.

The Church has performed well in 2021 to return a small profit of £611 despite the constraints of the pandemic. Total receipts for unrestricted funds totalled £52,687, of which £47,846 was from unrestricted voluntary donations and fund-raising activities including tax recoverable on gift aid (£6,634). The total receipts for unrestricted funds in 2020 was £78,610. The reduction is mainly due to there being one-off legacy receipts totalling £22,000 in 2020. Restricted donations of £150 for the fabric fund brings the total income to £52,837.

Planned giving reduced by just over 15%, most of the difference was in envelope donations. This is likely to be due to weekly services not resuming until August when Covid restrictions eased.

£52,226 was spent from funds (£31 of which from restricted funds) to provide Christian Ministry from St Peter & St Paul's Church including a £14,654 contribution to the diocesan parish share. This was at a reduced level due to the pandemic and has returned to the higher level in 2022.

### **Reserves**

The net result for the year was an excess of income over expenditure of £492 for unrestricted funds leaving the General Fund with a balance of £17,512, a little short of the £20,000 target.

Designated funds for re-ordering at year-end are £95,001. A proportion of this is expected to be used in 2022 for work on the roof and organ. Other restricted funds total £30,118.

Overall reserves have increased from £142,020 to £142,631.

The Balance Sheet and Analysis of Income and Expenditure for the year are included.

Phil Thomas

Treasurer

St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Wincanton - X 92418 0 581

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
<b>Current assets</b>			
6501	Bank current account	65,623.40	67,380.43
6505	Bank deposit account	1,500.35	1,500.35
6510	CCLA (CBF) deposit account	8,391.20	8,386.84
6511	CBF Appeals account	138.12	138.05
6512	CBF Fabric account	25.02	25.01
6590	Cash in hand	—	28.27
6591	Coventry BS	67,882.46	65,955.87
PC2014	Petty Cash	—	310.00
<b>Total Current assets</b>		<b>143,560.55</b>	<b>143,724.82</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
6699	Agency collections	929.75	1,705.06
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>929.75</b>	<b>1,705.06</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>		<b>142,630.80</b>	<b>142,019.76</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Z01	Excess / (deficit) to date	611.04	—
	Starting balances	142,019.76	142,019.76
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>142,630.80</b>	<b>142,019.76</b>

<b>Represented by Funds</b>		
Unrestricted	17,511.68	17,089.09
Designated	95,000.83	95,000.83
Restricted	30,118.29	29,929.84
Endowment	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>142,630.80</b>	<b>142,019.76</b>

**Analysis of income and expenditure**  
**Period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021**

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Incoming resources</b>						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
<b>Voluntary income</b>						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	24,377	—	120	—	24,497	25,354
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,302	—	—	—	1,302	5,215
0201 - Other planned giving	220	—	—	—	220	120
0301 - Loose plate collections	634	—	—	—	634	1,589
0401 - Regular gift days	—	—	—	—	—	—
0410 - Giving through church boxes	40	—	—	—	40	21
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	—	—	—	—	—	—
0510 - Gifts of quoted securities	—	—	—	—	—	—
0550 - Donations appeals etc	4,436	—	—	—	4,436	1,481
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	6,634	—	30	—	6,664	7,831
0701 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	22,000
0801 - Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	3,864	—	—	—	3,864	7,536
0901 - Other funds generated	6,337	—	—	—	6,337	5,735
<b>Voluntary income Sub-totals</b>	47,846	—	150	—	47,996	76,886
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>						
0910 - Rummage sales etc	894	—	—	—	894	—
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	420	—	—	—	420	—
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1260 - Parish magazine sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Activities for generating funds Sub-totals</b>	1,314	—	—	—	1,314	—
<b>Investment income</b>						
1001 - Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
1020 - Bank and building society interest	1,960	—	—	—	1,960	1,130
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Investment income Sub-totals</b>	1,960	—	—	—	1,960	1,130
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds Totals</b>	51,120	—	150	—	51,270	78,016
Incoming resources from charitable activities						

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	1,442	—	—	—	1,442	744
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	—	—	—	—	—
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	125	—	—	—	125	—
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities Sub-totals</b>	1,567	—	—	—	1,567	744
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	1,567	—	—	—	1,567	744
Other incoming resources						
<b>Other incoming resources</b>						
1310 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	—
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Other incoming resources Sub-totals</b>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other incoming resources Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Incoming resources Grand totals</b>	52,687	—	150	—	52,837	78,760

## Resources used

### Cost of generating funds

#### Cost of generating voluntary income

1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	—	—	—	—	—	—
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	—	—	—	—	—	3,656
1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	—	—	—	—	—	—
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	57	—	—	—	57	177
1740 - Investment management costs	—	—	—	—	—	—

#### Cost of generating voluntary income Sub-totals

	57	—	—	—	57	3,833
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#### Cost of generating funds Totals

	57	—	—	—	57	3,833
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### Charitable activities

#### Charitable activities

1801 - Giving to missionary societies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1850 - Home mission	716	—	—	—	716	2,026
1870 - Secular charities	50	—	—	—	50	364
1901 - Stipends quota	—	—	—	—	—	—

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	14,654	—	—	—	14,654	23,515
2001 - Assistant staff costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	6,879	—	—	—	6,879	6,683
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	1,745	—	—	—	1,745	1,388
2120 - Council tax	—	—	—	—	—	—
2130 - Parsonage house expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	—	—	—	—	—	—
2145 - Parsonage - water	—	—	—	—	—	—
2150 - Vicar's telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
2170 - Education	—	—	—	—	—	—
2201 - Parish training and mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
2301 - Church running - insurance	3,174	—	—	—	3,174	3,138
2310 - Church office - telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	371	—	—	—	371	199
2330 - Church maintenance	14,083	—	—	—	14,083	10,365
2331 - Cleaning	—	—	—	—	—	446
2340 - Upkeep of services	2,423	—	31	—	2,455	2,046
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	16	—	—	—	16	34
2360 - Administration	6,644	—	—	—	6,644	4,581
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	42	—	—	—	42	224
2401 - Church running - electric	707	—	—	—	707	773
2410 - Church running - gas	546	—	—	—	546	886
2420 - Church running - water	82	—	—	—	82	81
2430 - Church running - oil	—	—	—	—	—	—
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	—	—	—	—	—	—
2501 - Magazine expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2510 - Bookstall costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2520 - Hall running - oil	—	—	—	—	—	—
2530 - Hall running - electricity	—	—	—	—	—	—
2540 - Hall running - gas	—	—	—	—	—	—
2550 - Hall running - insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
2570 - Hall running - telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
2580 - Hall running - water	—	—	—	—	—	—
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	—	—	—	—	—	—
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	—	—	—	—	—	—
2901 - New building parsonage house	—	—	—	—	—	—
2910 - New building house for curate	—	—	—	—	—	—
2920 - New building Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
2930 - New building Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Charitable activities Sub-totals</b>	<b>52,137</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>52,169</b>	<b>56,756</b>
<b>Charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>52,137</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>52,169</b>	<b>56,756</b>

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Governance costs						
<b>Governance costs</b>						
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Governance costs Sub-totals</b>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Governance costs Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other resources used						
<b>Other resources used</b>						
2947 - Veregers fee (cleansing agency postbox)	—	—	—	—	—	—
2940 - Winibus, minibus for services	—	—	—	—	—	—
2941 - Coventry Building Society	—	—	—	—	—	—
2943 - Organist (cleansing Agency postbox)	—	—	—	—	—	—
2944 - Retired Clergy (cleansing Agency post)	—	—	—	—	—	—
2945 - Sightsavers (cleansing Agency postbox)	—	—	—	—	—	—
2946 - Tower (cleansing Agency postbox)	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Other resources used Sub-totals</b>	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Fees to Bell ringers</b>						
2942 - Bellringers (cleansing Agency postbox)	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Fees to Bell ringers Sub-totals</b>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other resources used Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Resources used Grand totals</b>	52,195	—	31	—	52,226	60,589

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

PCC OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WINCANTON

On accounts for the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2021

Charity no (if any)

1154897

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

15th April 2022

Name:

PETER GAY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

NONE

(if any):

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

NONE

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