

Trustees Report 2024

Unfortunately, 2024 was yet another year in which we remained in interregnum. Nothing much has changed, and we still await further updates from the Diocese following discussions and conversations held at a higher level. We give thanks to our hardworking Assistant Priests and the ALM team who work tirelessly to keep things going week on week, but clearly this cannot continue indefinitely. We were also sad to lose one of our Assistant Priests who has moved out of the Diocese. We continue to pray that the right person will be called to take over the leadership of our Church in due course.

One of our Church Wardens stepped down at this year's APCM, but we were extremely fortunate to have another volunteer to replace them and we give thanks to them for making this commitment.

A large area of the church underwent replastering during 2024 and shows much improvement. Following this we held a 'Big Church Clean' which was very well attended with so many parishioners giving their time to clean the plaster dust from top to bottom of the church building.

We still have dedicated teams of people who help out as sides people, sound team, cleaning, gardening, church flowers, after service refreshments, as well as our Lounge Café Team on a Friday – ALL these people are volunteers and we are thankful for their time and continued support. As always, we welcome new volunteers so that the same people are not responsible for everything and hope to continue all of the above on a regular basis.

During 2024 we held 9 baptisms and 14 funerals were conducted by ministers from Christ's Church; either at church or at Bolton or East Lancs Crematoria. In addition, the interment of ashes of those whose funerals were at Christ's Church or elsewhere were also administered. There were six services of interment.

We are thankful that our Church has continued to grow with new members and a few younger families and our FISH (Sunday School) group continues to thrive.

We look forward to more positive news regarding an Incumbent in 2025.



Receipts and Payments Accounts
Year Ending 31 December 2024

Independent Examiner:

John Curtis

FINAL ACCOUNTS 2024 SUMMARY

PARISH SHARE

After a meeting with diocese finance last summer, it was agreed that this should be reduced to £ 35,000, previous total was £75,556.34. This new total was paid in full.

REGULAR GIVING

Collection plate £6,622.67 very slight increase on 2023

Envelopes (gift-aid) £3,023.40 an 11% increase on 2023

Envelopes (non-gift aid) £849.20 very slight decrease on 2023

Standing Orders £34,679.00 3% increase on 2023

Overall giving £45,174.37 a 3% increase on 2023

So thank you to all of you. In this day and age your generosity is wonderful.

LOUNGE CAFE

As always our wonderful volunteers ensured the cafe goes from strength to strength. As well as raising funds for MacMillan in September donating £520 and doing a special cafe (the famous Turkey Butty Day) at Christmas the overall profit was £8,310.64 a 7% increase on last year. Can you believe it has been open for 6 years now? Of course, without the wonderful volunteers baking, serving and welcoming all the customers none of this would happen at all.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Our events were very successful as they always are. There is something for everyone throughout the year and I hope you agree they draw the community together. Overall, they brought in a total of £5,485.10 into church funds very similar to last year.

LOUNGE

Below are the funds we receive from the various groups that use the Church Lounge;

Craft Group	£1200.50
Art Group	£625.00
Mother's Union	£150.00
Flower Club	£200.00
Band	£00.00

Harwood Ladies	£40.00
Total	£2215.50

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me or if it's not too difficult at the APCM.

Happy reading

Parochial Church Council of Christ's Church, Harwood

INCOME ACCOUNT

For the year ending 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £	Change From Previous Year
RECEIPTS						
GIVING						
Envelopes - Gift Aid		3,023.40		3,023.40	2,690.60	332.80
Envelopes - Non-Gift Aid		849.20		849.20	879.20	-30.00
Standing Orders - Gift Aid		34,679.00		34,679.00	33,591.00	1,088.00
HMRC Gift Aid		10,585.89		10,585.89	9,034.95	1,550.94
Collection Plate		6,622.77		6,622.77	6,596.93	25.84
TOTAL GIVING RECEIPTS		55,760.26	0.00	55,760.26	52,792.68	2,967.58
SPECIAL EVENTS						
Bingo night 19th May		0.00		0.00	346.39	-346.39
Christmas Fair /Autumn Fair		1,155.40		1,155.40	1,506.90	-351.50
Dinner Dance 18th Nov		2,483.25		2,483.25	1,830.20	653.05
Fun bingo 19th Apr		342.79		342.79	0.00	342.79
Clothes Swap 8th Sep 23/23rd Sep 22		0.00		0.00	296.10	-296.10
Beetle Drive 29/07		102.00		102.00	0.00	102.00
Summer Cafe&Mini Mkt 29th Jul/Jubilee Afternoon Tea 5th		1,210.29	0.00	1,210.29	805.61	404.68
Poinsettias	2	191.37		191.37	265.00	-73.63
Quiz Night 21st Apr/13th Oct		0.00		0.00	453.00	-453.00
TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS RECEIPTS		5,485.10	0.00	5,485.10	5,503.20	-18.10
OTHER INCOME						
Birth, Weddings, Funerals collections		434.11		434.11	967.65	-533.54
Cafe		9,117.98		9,117.98	8,686.77	431.21
Baptisms to Charity		266.20		266.20	509.23	-243.03
Fees		6,866.00		6,866.00	3,050.00	3,816.00
Flowers		980.00		980.00	890.00	90.00
Gardening team (Thursdays)		0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	-50.00
History Books		0.00	20.00	20.00	5.00	15.00
Interest Curr Acct		74.18		74.18	70.86	3.32
Lounge, Hire of		430.00		430.00	370.00	60.00
Magazine		1,268.66		1,268.66	993.18	275.48
Scripture Union/Bible Reading notes		163.80		163.80	171.30	-7.50
Sound		0.00	450.00	450.00	230.00	220.00
Tea/coffee monies		824.54		824.54	628.20	196.34
Transfer from Reserve Acct for spire repairs & others		0.00	42,030.01	42,030.01	12,777.57	29,252.44
Misc donations	1	21,712.14	125.00	21,837.14	10,450.23	11,386.91
TOTAL OTHER INCOME RECEIPTS		42,137.61	42,625.01	84,762.62	39,849.99	44,912.63
MISSIONS						
Mind		0.00	38.43	38.43		38.43
Owen Foundation (tree-planting)		0.00	30.00	30.00		30.00
Gaza-Save the Children		0.00	0.00	0.00	58.00	-58.00
Tearfund (Christmas card 2023)		0.00	166.00	166.00	154.52	11.48
Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal World Vision			0.00	0.00	260.10	-260.10
TOTAL MISSIONS INCOME		0.00	234.43	234.43	472.62	-238.19
TOTAL INCOME		103,382.97	42,859.44	146,242.41	98,618.49	47,623.92

Notes

1 Donations to building works not yet been transferred to Business Savings account

2 Pam got a refund from Morrisons for all the poinsettias we bought in 2023 as they were so poor and this was added in 2024, this is the reason there are no expenses and just profit.

Parochial Church Council of Christ's Church, Harwood

EXPENSES ACCOUNT

For the year ending 31 December 2024

Note	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £	Change From Previous Year
PAYMENTS					
CLERGY					
Vicar	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Assistant Clergy	292.17		292.17	468.40	-176.23
TOTAL CLERGY EXPENSES	292.17	0.00	292.17	468.40	-176.23
UTILITIES/INSURANCE					
Gas Church heating 0223	7,240.83		7,240.83	5,738.02	1,502.81
SSE 726369651 Electric meter 2 Lounge 7176 (Prev BG	0.00		0.00	2,178.99	-2,178.99
SSE (PREV 751) 0073461/Church Elec-Lych Gate (Prev	3,019.37		3,019.37	1,070.53	1,948.84
Water Plus (Church)	231.42		231.42	188.31	43.11
Water Rates Vicarage	125.21		125.21	55.70	69.51
Utility Warehouse Vicarage gas/elec	492.92		492.92	174.69	318.23
Insurance Church Lounge	657.00		657.00	642.64	14.36
Insurance Church	3,148.66		3,148.66	3,081.31	67.35
Refuse collection (Church)	420.00		420.00	414.00	6.00
TOTAL UTILITIES EXPENSES	15,335.41	0.00	15,335.41	13,544.19	1,791.22
UPKEEP OF CHURCH					
Church Service supplies	1,522.57		1,522.57	1,337.60	184.97
Maintenance	4,750.69		4,750.69	3,717.60	1,033.09
Repairs/Fixtures/Fittings	2,219.91		2,219.91	10,105.45	-7,885.54
Lounge cleaning	650.00		650.00	625.00	25.00
Organ Maintenance/fund	240.00		240.00	2,035.00	-1,795.00
TOTAL UPKEEP EXPENSES	9,383.17	0.00	9,383.17	17,820.65	-8,437.48
Other Expenditure					
Flowers	781.88		781.88	712.20	69.68
Baptisms to Charity	266.20		266.20	509.23	-243.03
Gardening team (Thursdays)	16.48		16.48	42.45	-25.97
Magazine	1,527.00		1,527.00	1,686.75	-159.75
Office supplies	1,467.29		1,467.29	1,205.58	261.71
Cafe	287.34	520.00	807.34	1,490.47	-683.13
Parish Share	35,000.00		35,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00
Scripture Union/Bible Reading notes	214.79		214.79	267.04	-52.25
Sound	649.97		649.97	48.78	601.19
Transfer to Reserve account	0.00	28,092.61	28,092.61	12,692.62	15,399.99
Young People's groups	18.25		18.25	172.38	-154.13
Misc. Expenses	50,487.90	0.00	50,487.90	5,463.60	45,024.30
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURE	90,717.10	28,612.61	119,329.71	39,291.10	80,038.61
SPECIAL EVENTS					
Christmas Fair 27th Nov/Autumn Fair	91.98		91.98	0.00	91.98
Dinner Dance 19th Nov	1,657.40		1,657.40	1,057.50	599.90
Fun bingo 19th Apr	30.50	0.00	30.50	0.00	30.50
Quiz Night 21st Apr/13th Oct	0.00		0.00	20.49	-20.49
Summer Cafe&Mini Mkt 29th Jul	221.50		221.50	92.62	128.88
Poinsettias	0.00		0.00	163.80	-163.80
TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSES	2,001.38	0.00	2,001.38	1,334.41	666.97

MISSIONS

Afghan Appeal Urban Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Barnabas	540.00	540.00	540.00	0.00
Bible Society	540.00	540.00	540.00	0.00
Bolton Hospice	1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
Fort Alice	1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
Gaza-Save the Children	0.00	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Mind	50.00	50.00		50.00
Mission Aviation Fellowship	540.00	540.00	540.00	0.00
Owen Foundation (tree-planting)	120.00	120.00		120.00
Open Doors	540.00	540.00	540.00	0.00
Tearfund	540.00	540.00	540.00	0.00
Tearfund Christmas card 2023 - 2022	166.00	166.00	155.00	11.00
Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal World Vision	0.00	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Urban Outreach	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Withins Action Group	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00

TOTAL MISSIONS EXPENSES

8,036.00	0.00	8,036.00	3,255.00	4,781.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES

125,765.23	28,612.61	154,377.84	75,713.75	78,664.09
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1 Restricted was funds raised at MacMillan Coffee Morning and has been forwarded to the charity.

Parochial Church Council of Christ's Church, Harwood

RESERVE ACCOUNT

For the year ending 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £	Change From Previous Year
Opening balance		6,312.57	30,130.87	36,443.44	36,143.51	299.93
Income						
Business Account Interest		539.33		539.33	43.68	495.65
Transfer fm Current Acct		0.00	28,092.61	28,092.61	11,302.04	16,790.57
Total Income to Reserve Account		539.33	28,092.61	28,631.94	11,345.72	17,286.22
Expenses						
Transfer to Current Acct		0.00	42,030.01	42,030.01	7,384.80	34,645.21
Total Expenses from Reserve Account		0.00	42,030.01	42,030.01	7,384.80	34,645.21
Closing balance		6,851.90	16,193.47	23,045.37	40,104.43	-17,059.06

PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ending 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £	Change From Previous Year
TOTAL INCOME		0.00	0.00	0.00	98,618.49	-98,618.49
TOTAL EXPENSES		0.00	0.00	0.00	75,713.75	-75,713.75
PROFIT/LOSS		0.00	0.00	0.00	22,904.74	-22,904.74
Collection end of prev. year		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PROFIT/LOSS		0.00	0.00	0.00	22,904.74	-22,904.74
Bank balances b/fwd 1-1-2024		32,144.16	0.00	32,144.16	12,557.81	19,586.35
Collection from prev. year		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank balances c/fwd 31-12-2024		24,008.73	0.00	24,008.73	5,081.78	18,926.95

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PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ending 31 December 2024

Note	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £	Change From Previous Year
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Current Account	24,008.73	0.00	24,008.73	32,144.16	-8,135.43
Business Account	23,045.37	0.00	23,045.37	36,443.44	-13,398.07
Total Assets	47,054.10	0.00	47,054.10	68,587.60	-21,533.50
<u>CAPITAL</u>					
Balance Bought Forward	68,587.60	0.00	68,587.60	55,561.42	13,026.18
Add Total Income	103,382.97	42,859.44	146,242.41	188,210.54	-41,968.13
Add Account Transfers	539.33	28,092.61	28,631.94	54,574.47	-25,942.53
	172,509.90	42,859.44	243,461.95	298,346.43	-28,941.95
Less Account Transfers	0.00	42,030.01	42,030.01	65,411.21	
Less Total Expenditure	125,765.23	28,612.61	154,377.84	195,670.85	-41,293.01
Total Capital	46,744.67	14,246.83	47,054.10	37,264.37	12,351.06

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 31 December 2024

	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £	Change From Previous Year
<u>SUNDRY BALANCES</u>					
Burial Ground Account 12321981					
Opening Balance	62.53		62.53	61.80	0.73
Bank Interest	0.91		0.91	0.73	0.18
Closing Balance	63.44		63.44	62.53	0.91
Nicholson Bequest 13779264					
Opening Balance	164.64		164.64	162.68	1.96
Bank Interest	2.39		2.39	1.96	0.43
Closing Balance	167.03		167.03	164.64	2.39
Parker Grave 12322007					
Opening Balance	754.46		754.46	745.44	9.02
Bank Interest	10.94		10.94	9.02	1.92
Closing Balance	765.40		765.40	754.46	10.94
Dr. Snape's Grave RBS unable to locate					
Opening Balance	205.78		205.78	205.78	0.00
Bank Interest	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	205.78		205.78	205.78	0.00

Miscellaneous Income

NOTES

Date	Reason	Misc.
Jan - Dec	Annoymous donations	£ 424.00
Jan - Dec	Art Group	£ 625.00
Jan - Dec	Building VAT claims	£ 8,733.76
Jan - Dec	Carol Lambert donations	£ 50.70
10. Dec	Christmas on Jesus	£ 10.00
Jan - Dec	Craft Group	£ 1,200.50
09. Feb	Donation in memory of Barbara Handley	£ 20.00
Jan - Dec	Donations to maintainence of building	£ 1,285.00
Jan - Dec	Easy Fund Raising	£ 121.65
17. Jan	Electricity NW	£ 2.70
01. Jul	Insurance payout lead theft/leak	£ 8,128.00
Jan - Dec	QR donations	£ 550.00
Feb	Retirement gift Heather Molloy	£ 397.00
12. Aug	Vicarage United Utilites refund	£ 288.83
TOTAL		£ 21,837.14

Miscellaneous Expenses

Date	Reason	Amount
10. Jul	ARG Roofing theft of lead etc	£ 8,628.00
24. Jul	Bateman's Decorators Ltd	£ 3,468.00
29. Feb	Cafe/church non-food supplies	£ 101.14
06. Jun	Carol Lambert Holiday Project	£ 100.00
30. Dec	Christmas card	£ 42.50
09. Dec	Christmas tree/Christmas on Jesus	£ 145.38
20. Nov	Church Christmas cards	£ 92.40
1. Feb	Church cleaning replenishment	£ 9.49
15. May	Church tea/coffee replenishment	£ 3.68
21. Oct	Coffee cups	£ 39.99
17. Apr	Disposible coffee cups Sunday coffee	£ 37.99
19. Sep	Donation to family in need at St James's	£ 100.00
29. Jul	Filing cabinet keys	£ 18.00
02. Apr	Food Hygiene & Safety training x14	£ 160.20
28. Jun	Graveyard Ashes plots	£ 70.00
Jun - Jul	Hurst & Byrne Ltd plastering	£ 36,131.77
28. Jun	Indigo Valley coffee for cafe/Sunday	£ 104.00
24. Jun	Inhibitor for heating system	£ 23.84
09. Sep	Keys cut/paving slabs for grave plots	£ 44.49
17. Jul	Office expenses	£ 34.35
11. Mar	Postage	£ 44.50
24. Sep	Prayer tree hooks	£ 5.74
Nov	RBL Poppy Wreath 2023/2024	£ 40.00
15. Feb	Retirement gift Heather Molloy	£ 400.00
12. Feb	Retirement expenses	£ 49.64
15-Jan	Vicarage back door (repairs)	£ 142.80
11. Jul	Vicarage garden (clearing of)	£ 450.00
TOTAL		£ 50,487.90

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Notes

1. Vicarage expenses totalling £ 592.80 will be reclaimed from the Diocese due to us being without a vicar. Any outstanding from previous year's will also be claimed.

Business Res Acct Income

Date	Reason	Amount
May - Aug	Donation for roof repairs	£ 1,165.00
Mar - Aug	Gift Aid HMRC Jul 23-Jun 24 & Coll plate	£ 10,585.85
03. Jul	Insurance payout lead theft/leak	£ 8,128.00
03. Oct	VAT claim	£ 8,213.76
Apr & Oct	Interest	£ 539.33
TOTAL		£ 28,631.94

Business Res Acct Expenses

Date	Reason	Amount
10. Jul	ARG Roofing theft of lead etc	£ 8,628.00
04. Oct	Bateman's Decorators Ltd 2407	£ 3,468.00
Jun - Jul	Hurst & Byrne plastering	£ 29,934.01
TOTAL		£ 42,030.01



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Income and Expenditure Accounts

**Year Ending
31st December 2024**

BANK ACCOUNT

2023		2024
£ 120.00	Brought Forward	£ 60.00
£ 7,874.00	Total Income	£ 10,684.00
<u>£ 7,994.00</u>		<u>£ 10,744.00</u>
£ 7,934.00	Less Total Expenditure	£ 10,714.00
<u>£ 60.00</u>	Current Balance	<u>£ 30.00</u>
£ 1,860.00	End of Year Bank Balance	£ 30.00
£ 454.00	Cash On Hand	£ -
£ 2,254.00	Uncashed Payments	£ -
<u>£ 60.00</u>	Cash & Bank Balance Total	<u>£ 30.00</u>

Prepared by Robert Molloy

INCOME

2023		2024	
£	-	£	724.00
£	2,302.00	£	2,638.00
£	451.00	£	399.00
£	-	£	1,607.00
£	361.00	£	-
£	537.00	£	618.00
£	84.00	£	178.00
£	-	£	33.00
£	670.00	£	888.00
£	2,164.00	£	2,508.00
£	1,305.00	£	1,091.00
£ 7,874.00		£ 10,684.00	

INCOME by EVENT

2023		2024	
-	Baptism certificates	£	18.00
£ 1,386.00	Weddings, Banns etc	£	917.00
£ 5,780.00	Funerals, Interments etc	£	8,920.00
£ 695.00	Monuments	£	829.00
£ 13.00	Donations	£	-
£ 7,874.00		£ 10,684.00	

EXPENDITURE

2023		2024	
£ 2,884.00	Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance	£	3,925.00
£ 3,832.00	PCC	£	5,629.00
£ 175.00	Organist	£	-
£ 120.00	Verger	£	120.00
£ 180.00	Verger (PCC)	£	150.00
£ 80.00	Sound	£	130.00
£ 380.00	Sound (PCC)	£	250.00
£ -	Bell Ringer	£	-
£ 210.00	Grave Digger	£	480.00
£ 73.00	Donations (PCC)	£	30.00
£ 7,934.00		£ 10,714.00	

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF CHRIST'S CHURCH,
HARWOOD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are attached, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act")

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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Date 17th February 2025