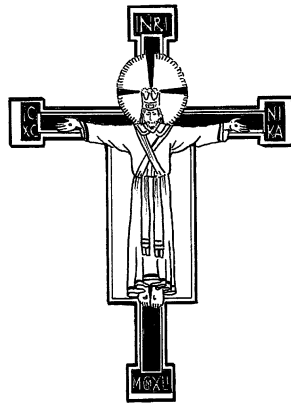


All Saints' Martock

ANNUAL REPORT 2024 with Financial Review & Statements

Placing Christ at the Centre of All We Do



Registered Charity No: 1160333

INTRODUCTION

All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building of All Saints', Martock.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, in particular:-

- Worship and prayer
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Ensuring that the church building is both an accessible and welcoming environment.

Placing Christ at the Centre of All We Do

– a celebration of all our Church Activities over the past year

With our sister parishes of the benefice, we share FIVE Mission Objectives.

- 1) *We aspire to be a growing church, increasing in faith and number*
- 2) *We are collectively a 'both... and' church, offering the comfort of traditional worship and seeking God's will for 'fresh expressions' in the community*
- 3) *We show the love of Christ as individuals by word and action*
- 4) *We offer our church building as a place of hospitality and welcome*
- 5) *We strive to meet our financial obligations towards the mission of the church locally, across the diocese and worldwide*

Music

The Music Group gathered a few more members through 2024 and has continued to lead worship at both the first Sunday Communion and the second Sunday Morning Worship as well as the Christmas Eve Crib service.

Andy Handcock

Our Director of Music, Steve Salisbury, continues to play the organ for the majority of our Sunday morning services and other occasions as required. Thank you Steve!

Bell Ringers

- The Band of All Saints gently transitioned into its second year of learning to ring during 2024. They have adopted the pattern of ringing for Tuesday practices, two Sunday services, Saturday's Farmers' Market 'Ringing for Joy', Christmas and other key events.
- The Bath and Wells Educator David Hammonds has stuck with us throughout, and we are very thankful for his dedication and patience. Members learn at varying speeds with some managing extra learning at other towers. On occasion, youth ringers join us and we are in awe of the speed at which they master the art of 'method' ringing!
- Visiting bands from around the country, some connected to the finest towers and with vast experience, have been a delight. They greatly admire the quality of sound from our lovely Martock Bells, which has to be a huge compliment.
- Learning to navigate around the Bell Chamber is as important as ringing, especially when broken stays need to be replaced! A few sallies had to be replaced and one got snagged behind the clock regulator and broke completely, an occurrence David said he had never heard of before and reminded us of the importance of always being highly vigilant. It is also hoped that by keeping some simple records this will serve useful in the years to come.
- Carol Ansell kindly introduced us to the safeguarding procedures we need to adhere to. Sally has been instrumental in linking us to the Benefice and with all round communications, including Facebook where she evidently has a good following!
- the Band, especially myself is very grateful for the support and encouragement of the Benefice, the PCC and of course Reverend Paul!

For further information about joining the band (new members of all ages welcome!) please get in touch cozensfiona@gmail.com

Fiona Cozens

Children & Young Families

Tiddlers, our toddler and baby group, continues to thrive under the leadership of our Toddler Group Leader, Hannah Page. A variety of bible-themed and seasonal activities are planned each week for the children (as well as their parents/carers!) to enjoy, along with play, snack, singing, and bubbles to end the session. Numbers continue to grow which is very encouraging, with between 15 and 20 families, sometimes more, attending each week. Many thanks to all the volunteers who faithfully help to set up and support *Tiddlers* every week, it couldn't happen without you!

Please email Hannah at tiddlers.martock@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the team of volunteers, you will be very welcome.

Stompers, a new outdoor activity time for all ages to enjoy nature activities and a bible theme around the local area was launched by Mandy Starmer in the October half-term and took place again in the Christmas holiday. A small number of families have attended, enjoying a walk and activities (whatever the weather!), followed by refreshments in church. Mandy will continue to offer further *Stompers* sessions during the school holidays, an important part of our family outreach. Many thanks to Mandy and her helpers for their time and enthusiasm.

Finally, our Crib Service on Christmas Eve was well attended by the community once again and very much enjoyed by children and adults alike!

Sally Howells

Church Flowers

In 2024 All Saints' church was decorated with a beautiful pedestal arrangement of flowers at the altar each week (except during Lent and Advent) by a team of 11 flower arrangers, made up of members of the congregation and local villagers, on a fortnightly rotation. We were so sorry to lose Suzanne Luxton R.I.P and miss her enthusiasm. The arrangements were appreciated by all those who visit All Saints' and were often commented on.

At the Festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas, the altar arrangement was supplemented by a friendly team who joined in to add more arrangements, enjoying each other's company and being creative.

We were so grateful to and wish to thank all our arrangers and also the helpers who donate foliage and flowers for festivals from their gardens. Thank you! We also wish to thank all those who donated a white lily at Eastertime in memory of a loved one, which enabled us to create two special memorial arrangements.

If you would like to join in with flower arranging, either with or without previous experience, a good way to start is to join the team decorating at Harvest festival, who meet the day before we celebrate Harvest, at 10am. We promise you a warm welcome.

Diana Healey, Jane Cockerham, & Ann Hall

Discipleship

The Prayer Course

In January we began an eight-week course on prayer. 32 people took part in four groups meeting in people's homes for about 1½ hours. The course is structured around the Lord's Prayer as found in the Gospel of Luke.

In the sessions we would have time to get to know each other over coffee, a video, and time to put into practice some of the things we learned. The video sessions were also available online for anyone who wanted to review them.

The eight sessions were:

Why pray? *"Lord, teach us to pray"* looked at the importance of prayer

Adoration *"Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be your name"* explored how we can enjoy God's presence in praise and worship.

Petition - *"Give us this day our daily bread"* unpacked the significance of asking God in prayer.

Intercession *"Your kingdom come"* explored the power and importance of praying on behalf of others.

Unanswered Prayer *"Your will be done"* tackled the challenges and realities when our prayers aren't answered.

Contemplation *"On earth as it is in heaven"* - we discovered how spending time with God in silence can enrich our relationship with Him.

Listening *"Give us this day our daily bread"* - this was not just about our physical needs but examined the practical ways we can tune into hearing God's voice.

Spiritual Warfare - *"Deliver us from evil"* - we looked closely at the ways we can pray God's kingdom come in the midst of a spiritual battle.

The course was well received, and many said that it had reinvigorated their spiritual/prayer life.

For reference, the course can be found free at www.prayercourse.org

Training Morning

In August we held a training morning on a Saturday in church for those taking part in our Sunday worship services. This included greeters, sidesmen/women, Bible readers and those leading intercessions.

Alive in Christ

In October we held a five-week course, *Alive in Christ*, which is a follow on to last year's course, *Saints Alive*. Again, just over 30 people took part in four small groups, meeting in a host's home.

The aims of *Alive in Christ* are that each member of the group will:

- understand more deeply the nature of God as a loving Father.
- experience God's love in a way that will enable them to build their lives on it,
- learn the importance of forgiving one another,
- learn how to recognise and deal with temptation,

- identify anything in their lives that may be preventing them from knowing and experiencing God's love and, with the help of the course leaders, allow God to address these issues,
- find their relationships gradually transformed as they experience the security of knowing that God loves them,
- become confident about serving Jesus as a member of his Body.

The five sessions were: Session 1: God our Father, Session 2: Loved, Secure, Significant and Fruitful, Session 3: Responding to Temptation, Session 4: Forgiven and Forgiving and Session 5: Transformed for Service.

Those involved felt it had been a very beneficial course. For reference, the course can be found at www.resourcingrenewal.org/alive-in-christ

Rev Richard Caddell

Fairtrade

All Saints' Church is registered with the Fairtrade Foundation as a Fairtrade church. This means that we have promised:

- 1) to use Fairtrade tea and coffee after services and for all meetings for which we have responsibility;
- 2) to move forward on using other Fairtrade products (such as sugar, biscuits and fruit);
- 3) to promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year through events, worship and other activities whenever possible. Thanks go to Carol for ensuring that our refreshment supplies include fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar.

We don't have a Fairtrade team so if you would be interested in setting one up and helping to promote Fairtrade, please speak to Sally Howells, PCC Secretary or a member of the PCC. Please continue to buy Fairtrade items, wherever they are available, rather than a cheaper alternative. By doing so, you will be giving a hand-up to the poorest, weakest producers and making a real difference to their lives.

The Lord's Larder

Donations continue to come in to church from time to time and are delivered to Gateway, Yeovil, as necessary. We had a particularly good collection over the Christmas period. Gateway are always particularly pleased with all our gifts.

Grace Dunton

Martock Educational Foundation

(Trustees Rev Paul Fillery, Marian Singleton, Sally Howells, Kathy Maple)

This is a charity set up in 1888 to initially *‘provide houses for the teachers of Martock School or in or towards the maintenance of the school as long as it is maintained by voluntary subscriptions and is used for CofE religious education and for Sunday School prizes, or, if there is no Sunday School, to be applied for instruction and encouragement in religious knowledge’*.

- MEF has continued to support Martock Primary school and All Saints this year.
- All invested capital is now held in Church House Investments, which makes it easier to manage. Church House met us at our AGM and reported on the investments.
- Accounts have been submitted to Pinnacle Accountancy and we have requested a set of audited accounts for April 2023 - March 2025.
- Expenditure in 2024 has included: Baptismal bibles, subscriptions for *Open the Book*, repayment of the governors’ loan from the Diocese of Bath and Wells for repair of the drains and updated lighting in the school.
- It has been agreed that the spiritual garden at the school needs a complete overhaul as it was neglected during COVID and is unusable. The school has no funding for this and MEF have agreed to pay for groundworks. It was anticipated that this would take place in 2024 but is now due to start in May 2025. This will be a much-needed quiet space for teaching, mentoring and reflection.
- There is still a vacancy for a trustee.

Marian Singleton, Chair

Martock Primary School church team

2024 was the year that our vision of forming an *‘Open the Book’* Team became a reality. The aim was to offer Bible Stories told in a fun way, with dressing up and suitable props as part of our collective worship offering to both Martock and Ash Primary Schools.

14 volunteers from our church family attended Bible Society training at Holy Trinity Church, Walton so that we could form an official team to begin to plan our programme. Once safeguarding checks etc had been completed and our application to form the team accepted, we were good to go! In September we presented *‘Jesus calms the Storm’* complete with collapsible boat and much laughter.

We continue to work with preferred school materials featuring values and Christian themes.

We have settled into a pattern of one '*Open the Book*' assembly each half term and one assembly presented either by Sally or Bridget each half term.

Martock Primary School continues to come to church at the end of each school term for a service. They also mark Remembrance by coming to church.

Grateful thanks to all those who are part of our '*Open the Book*' team.

Bridget Jones

Martock School Governors

Over the last year Martock Church of England VA Primary School has continued to strive to raise awareness of our shared vision and the values of **Kindness, Perseverance, Respect, and Collaboration**. The school bible verse is taken from *Jeremiah 29:11* and is shortened to 'A hope and a future' which permeates everything we do.

We were inspected by Ofsted in March 2024 which highlighted the many positive things Martock School is doing, and it continues being a 'Good' school. Like all Ofsted reports it highlighted areas for development that staff and pupils have successfully worked on during the year.

We were also inspected by SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) in September 2024 and were delighted by the many positive comments from the inspector –

- 'The Christian vision and its associated values are embedded in the work of the school. These directly contribute to the flourishing of pupils and adults at Martock School'.
- 'Collective worship is seen as a special time in the day which brings the whole school community together as one. It provides moments for spiritual development and is prioritised by leaders, valued by pupils and adults and enriched by local partners.'
- 'Opportunities for pupils to flourish in their learning are enhanced by a range of rich and diverse extracurricular experiences. The availability of these to all lives out the Christian vision, ensuring equity of provision'.

We are extremely proud of how hard our staff are working to develop and deliver a high-quality curriculum that will match our pupils' needs and interests and continue to raise attainment for all. Like all schools, we have been challenged by the lack of funding for education and have been exploring ways in which we can ensure every pupil at Martock School gets the best education possible.

The school PTA have had a very successful year, raising essential funds for the school through a variety of events. We have been well supported by community donations particularly from the charity shop who have been incredibly generous with their support. The school has

benefitted greatly from regular visits from the local churches, providing collective worship which the pupils enjoy.

We have lost a few governors during 2024 and are keen to fill the gaps. ***Please consider this rewarding role, especially if you care about children and education, are interested in promoting the Christian character and ethos of the school and like a challenge!***

We are continuing to build on our successes and drive the school forward. We appreciate this is a team effort and want to thank everyone who has contributed to supporting Martock Primary School and all our wonderful children.

Andrew Jackson, Chair of Governors

Mothers' Union (Martock & Ash)

We started the year with Holy Communion and our AGM. We had a variety of speakers throughout 2024, finishing the year with the handbell ringers and a Christmas tea. All our meetings now take place in All Saints.

Martin and Brenda Bailey

Reports by Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council

PCC Members and Trustees

Who have served from January to December 2024 are:

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Incumbent | Revd Paul Fillery (Chair) | licenced 27 April 2021 |
| Reader | Bridget Jones | |
| Warden 1 | Grace Dunton | Jan - May 2024 |
| Warden 1 | Hilary Bull | elected May 2024 |
| Warden 2 | David Bull | elected May 2024 |
| Deputy Wardens | <i>vacant</i> | |
| Vice Chair | Andrew Howard | elected May 2024 |
| Deanery Synod Rep | Grace Dunton | elected April 2023 |
| Deanery Synod Rep | Sally Howells | elected April 2023 |
| Deanery Synod Rep | <i>vacant</i> | |
| Diocesan Synod Rep | <i>vacant</i> | |
| Treasurer | Jeremy Hudson | from Jan 2023 |
| Secretary | Sally Howells | from August 2019 |

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| Elected Members | Carol Ansell | elected April 2023 |
| | Martyn Atkins | elected May 2024 |
| | Timothy Booth | elected May 2022 |
| | Martin Bradbrooke | elected April 2023 |
| | Ivan Childs | until May 2024 |
| | Grace Dunton | elected May 2024 |
| | Alexander Finlayson | elected April 2023 |
| | Ellen Howard | until May 2024 |
| | Sally Howells | elected April 2023 |
| | Geoff Lucas | until May 2024 |
| | Steve Salisbury | elected May 2022 |

Parish Safeguarding Carol Ansell

Administrative Information

The church is the second largest parish church in Somerset dating from the 13th century, although there has been a church on the site since Anglo-Saxon times. It was enlarged and re-roofed in the 15th and 16th centuries. Of special note is the superb angel roof completed in 1513, the 17th century clerestory paintings of the 12 apostles and a magnificent organ.

The church is situated on Church Street, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6JL, and is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. The Benefice Office is housed in the vicarage and the correspondence address is Benefice Office, The Vicarage, 10 Water Street, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6JN.

email: benefice.martock@gmail.com

webpage: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11008

Benefice Relationships

Our Benefice, in the Diocese of Bath and Wells (Wells Archdeaconry) was formed in April 2014 when Kingsbury Episcopi joined the existing Benefice of Martock with Ash. Martock, seven miles west of Yeovil, lies on the edge of the Somerset Levels; Ash is a mile distant from Martock and Kingsbury Episcopi three miles away.

There are three churches to serve the three parishes. A strong sense of identity and community exists in each, but 'Benefice belonging' has been well established.

Over the period of 2023-2024 the Diocese undertook a re-ordering of the Level Arcs Benefice and extensive consultations took place with all the parishes involved. As a result, the Parish of Muchelney was assigned to our Benefice. The re-ordering was ratified by all the Parishes, the Archdeacon and the Bishop but awaits final ratification by the Church Commissioners. Although legally not a part of our Benefice as yet, we are now forging close

ties with the church family at Muchelney and a strong sense of collaboration is developing with the PCC and the church community.

The Benefice Ministry Team is led by the Vicar of the Benefice. In 2024, this also consisted of one retired clergy with Permission to Officiate (PTO), one clergy with Permission to Officiate, one Lay Reader (PTO) and four Lay Worship Assistants, all of whom function across the Benefice.

Churchwardens

Since becoming churchwardens in May 2024, we have continued to arrange all servicing and maintenance as appropriate.

- This has included PAT testing, the service of the clock, the boiler, the alarm, the lightening conductor and the permanent electrical equipment inspection.
- A couple of other things have been attended to, notably most of the roof leaks have been much improved. Some of this was achieved by Mark Romans who cleared some of the roof hoppers and cleaned the gutters. Also, some of the cracks in the lead have been sealed.
- There were 2 separate issues in the toilet requiring parts for the tap and a toilet seat replacement.
- In September we took delivery of our new chairs and were very grateful for all the donations to cover the costs.
- In October there was a working party to clear the gulleys round the church. The weather was rather unkind but the result was an improvement to how the water would flow away from the building. This could perhaps be repeated in the Summer.
- The Parish returns have been completed.
- Christmas was a time when we needed help to organise things such as the tree and candles and we're very grateful for all the help we received.

We would like to thank you all for putting your trust in us and for all the help we have received over the year. We have a brilliant team in All Saints, too many to mention by name. However, we would like to say a very big thank you to Grace, the previous churchwarden, who is always so willing to explain and help in any way. We have learnt a lot and have enjoyed being churchwardens so far.

Hilary and David Bull

Deanery Synod

We are part of the Ivelchester Deanery, led by our Area Dean, Rev. Bruce Faulkner, which serves to support its parishes in their local Mission and Worship through enabling partnership and facilitating the development of and sharing of ministries.

Three meetings took place in 2024 -

- Cheryl Govier gave a presentation about *Growing Faith* at the February meeting. *Growing Faith* is the movement that exists to put children, young people and families instinctively at the heart of all the mission and ministry of the Church by changing the culture of the Church of England. It was noted that 43% of churches nationally currently have no children or young people attending. As rural churches, we know the people in our communities and it is important to encourage conversations which can lead to opportunities to encourage young people into our churches.
- Rev. Nick Clarke from the Ham Hill Villages Benefice gave a presentation on *Finding the Ministries to fulfil your Parish's Vision* at the July meeting and explained how he had gone about doing this, beginning with discussion, a focus on mission, looking after the existing congregation, finding ways of getting people together and establishing a pattern of worship that worked. It was noted that exploring what shared ministry might look like in our changing parishes is not easy.
- The October meeting focussed on *Mutual, Shared Ministry* with a presentation by the Area Dean. The Deanery Mission and Ministry Plan has, since its adoption in 2016, had a vision for mutual, shared ministry at its core, a basic model for the life and being of the church, both locally and more widely. 2025 will see a focus on enabling parishes to discover more about *Mutual, Shared Ministry* with the hope that a change in our ethos of being church in our local parishes may begin to develop. The MSM 25 project will be formally launched at February's Deanery Synod with an opportunity to commit to one another in exploring this new model for being church together.
- Keith Hann retired from his role as Lay Dean in July and has been succeeded by Susan Laycock.
- Our Deanery representatives are Grace Dunton and Sally Howells

Sally Howells

Electoral Roll

At the 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting the number on the Roll was 118. Currently, the Roll stands at 104 but there are some forms still to be returned. For various reasons several folk have left the parish.

Planned Giving

Planned Giving is well supported at All Saints' Church and since the autumn of 2023 donors have had the options to set up their planned regular giving online, through the Parish Giving Scheme, or by standing order, using the blue Planned Giving form to be found near the door in church. The online giving can be accessed through the 'Ways to Give' QR code from the cards available in all pews or through the Parish Giving Scheme website – search Martock All Saints'.

Gift Aid claims, including under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme, have been submitted quarterly to HMRC during 2024 by the Gift Aid Secretary and those arising from donations through the Parish Giving Scheme are received monthly. If you are a Gift Aid donor to All Saints', but no longer pay tax, please contact Jane Cockerham on 824233 to discuss.

If you are a new donor to All Saints, we invite you to join our Planned Giving Scheme either using the QR code on the 'Ways to Give' cards in the pews, or through the Parish Giving Scheme website, which will offer the option of updating your donation each year, if you wish, in line with inflation. Alternatively, please use a blue Planned Giving form, which can be found near the door in church. If you are eligible, please consider completing the Gift Aid section, which will allow All Saints to reclaim the tax you have paid on your donations, thereby increasing your gift by 25%. Gift Aid donations may also be put in a yellow envelope, found on the pews, with your details added to the front.

If you have any questions relating to planned giving, please feel free to speak to Jane.

Jane Cockerham

Safeguarding

TRAINING

I renewed my Safer Recruitment, Domestic Abuse Awareness and Leadership training in November. I have completed DBS checks when it has been required. All those with Leadership roles in our church have undertaken the necessary training and I have also reminded volunteers when their safeguarding training needs to be completed.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

All policies and procedures are up to date. The Safeguarding Policy and domestic abuse statement can be found on the safeguarding board at the back of the church.

PARISH DASHBOARD

I continue to use this very useful tool. It reminds me if something needs to be actioned and when someone needs to renew their training or DBS.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

On Safeguarding Sunday in November, we included special prayers for victims of abuse and those people who work to make our churches a safer place, we also sang the safeguarding hymn.

In the light of what has been happening within the Church of England and the publication of the Makin Report there is an urgent need for us to be vigilant and to make sure that we are practicing good safeguarding measures. As your safeguarding officer, I am committed to fully reviewing and implementing all recommendations to ensure the safety and care of all individuals within our church family.

I would like to thank Paul and the PCC for their support.

If anyone has any concerns and think it may be a safeguarding issue then please contact me, my details are on the safeguarding board.

Carol Ansell

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council's members/trustees are elected for 3 years at the APCM following the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll which is renewed annually. The PCC activities and responsibilities are supported by the Benefice Ministry Team and other members of the church. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met 6 times during 2024. The PCC is Registered Charity number 1160333

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Accounts are prepared on an Accruals basis. The total receipts on the unrestricted funds were £75,387, with £6,578 for restricted funds during 2024. The total amounted to £81,965, which was made up of a decrease of £8,695 in general funds and a decrease of £11,924 in restricted funds during 2024 compared to the previous year. This is largely due to grants and legacies received during 2023.

Total Expenditure amounted to £86,716, an increase of £6,534 on 2023. Our total reserves for year end were £81,016, a decrease of £4,750 on 2023. Planned giving increase by £3,038 on 2023.

The contribution towards the Diocesan Common Fund was £39,715, an increase of £5,180 on 2023. Our Parish Share was paid on time and in full again this year.

If anyone, who puts cash in the collection plate, or uses the envelope system, would like to change to paying by Standing Order, please do get in touch with Jane Cockerham. It doesn't mean that you pay any extra by doing it this way, or that the Church can alter the amount at will. It is entirely under your control. It just makes it easier and quicker for all of us.

Free Reserves

The free reserves of the PCC are those funds that are freely available to be spent in pursuing the charitable objectives. The Free Reserves of the PCC, at the financial year end were: -

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total Reserves at 31 December | £81,017 | £85,766 |
| Less. Restricted Funds | (£15,747) | (£23,092) |
| <u>Free Reserves</u> | <u>£65,270</u> | <u>£62,674</u> |

Balances of Accounts in the bank, and in hand, as at 31 December 2024 were:

| | 2024 | | 2023 |
|----------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Lloyds Bank | £28,380 | Actual | £34,753 |
| CCLA Deposit Account | £52,415 | Actual | £50,228 |
| TOTAL | £80,795 | Actual | £84,981 |

Reserve Policy

Under Charity Commission rules, we are required to have a policy regarding the amount of funds we hold in our accounts at any one time. It is suggested that this should be sufficient to cover 3-6 months of operation. At a full meeting of All Saints' Martock PCC, on 7th November 2016, it was resolved to set the PCC's Financial Reserve at £10,000. This has subsequently been increased to £25,000 following a full meeting of the PCC on 25 March 2025. This is considered to be prudent given our rising costs. During 2023 we transferred excess funds of £40,000 from our bank account with Lloyds to CCLA in order to earn extra interest which is being retained in the CCLA to build on our reserves.

REGULAR GIVING

The Gift Aid has been claimed quarterly this year.

We have received a total of £11,060 this year, compared with £10,380 in 2023.

If you give on a regular basis, and pay enough tax to cover the gift and have not already signed a Gift Aid Form please do so, or put the money in a Yellow Gift Aid envelope, and complete the outside. More and more people are unable to Gift Aid their donations, as they do not pay enough tax to cover them. If you no longer pay tax and have signed a Gift Aid Form please let Jane Cockerham know.

FUND RAISING

Thanks to Sally Howells and her team fundraising has continued. The total raised for the year amounted to a splendid £6,047 (2023 £6,431). Well done Sally and everybody that supported her.

CHARITY GIVING

This year we were able to raise money for our Church charities via Lent lunches, the Harvest collection and Christmas services. During the course of the year we raised £934.69 which was split equally between St Margaret's Hospice, Macmillan Cancer Support and The Eagle Project in Brazil and a further £388 was raised for Farmerados. We have also continued to support the Lord's Larder both financially and regular deliveries of food donated by the parish.

Conclusion

This year our Parish share has increased by £5,180 and we have completed our kitchen refurbishment project and purchased new chairs for the church (fully funded through donations). We have seen an increase in church running costs of £10,213 mainly due to increased energy and insurance costs. It should be noted that in 2025 we will face significant challenges with further significant increases in Parish share under the new method of formulation, insurance and energy costs and a trend of declining revenue from planned giving. All Saint's has also agreed to absorb all office expenses for other parishes within the Benefice to assist those struggling to meet rising costs. This will increase our running costs by approximately £3000 pa.



Jeremy Hudson

Hon Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the Trustee's of All Saints Church, Martock, Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 December 2024

Respective responsibilities of the Trustee's and the examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My remote examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you, as trustees, concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and Regulations have not been met; 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



Dated

P.J. Taylor ACMA, CGMA
Oak House
16, Lower Turners Barn Lane,
Yeovil BA20 2JH

7th April 2025

All Saints' Church MARTOCK
Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ending 31 December 2024

| <u>All Saint's Church Martock</u> <u>Statement of Financial Activities</u> <u>For the year ended 31 December 2024</u> | | | | | | |
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| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Designated Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
| INCOMING RESOURCES | 2 | | | | | |
| Donations & Legacies | 2a | 59551 | | 4,862 | 64,413 | 82,396 |
| Income from Investments | 2b | 2843 | | 0 | 2,843 | 675 |
| Income from Charitable Activities | 2c | 12993 | | 1,716 | 14,709 | 19,512 |
| | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Total Income & Endowments | | 75387 | 0 | 6,578 | 81,965 | 102,583 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | 3 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Expenditure on Raising Funds | 3a | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| Expenditure on Charitable Activities | 3b | 72795 | | 13,921 | 86,716 | -80,182 |
| Other Expenditure | 3c | | | | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Total resources expended | | 72795 | 0 | 13,921 | 86,716 | -80,182 |
| | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Net Income(Expenditure) | | 2592 | | -7,343 | -4,751 | 22,401 |
| Transfers Between Funds | 4 | | | -4 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Movement in funds | | 2596 | | -7,347 | -4,751 | 22,401 |
| Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2024 | | 62674 | | 23,093 | 85,767 | 63,366 |
| Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2024 | | £65,270 | | £15,746 | £81,016 | 85,767 |

All Saint's Church Martock
Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2024

| | | 2024 | 2023 | |
|---|-------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| | Notes | £ | £ | |
| Tangible Assets | | | | |
| Investments | 4 | 52,415 | 50,228 | |
| Debtors: amounts falling due after one year | 5 | 0 | 181 | |
| Debtors: amounts falling due within one year | 5a | 0 | 485 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 29,206 | 35,579 | |
| Current Assets | | 81,621 | 86,473 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 5b | -604 | -706 | |
| Net Current Assets (Current assets less creditors < 1 year) | | 81,017 | 85,767 | |
| Total Assets less current liabilities(fixed assets plus NCA) | | 81,017 | 85,767 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after one year | | | 0 | |
| Net Assets | | 81,017 | 85,767 | 0 |
| Restricted Funds | 7 | 15,747 | 23,092 | |
| General Funds (Unrestricted) | 8 | 65,270 | 62,674 | |
| Reserves | | 81,017 | 85,766 | |

4 This is our Reserve Fund of £25,000 as agreed by the PCC on 25 March 2025 plus additional funds added to earn interest

5a See Notes for breakdown of Debtors

5b See Notes for breakdown of Creditors

5 Clock Maintenance paid £1054 for 5 years, in Jan 2021

7 See Notes for Breakdown of Restricted Funds

8 The General Funds includes £18,000 that has been designated for an upgrade to the south doors to keep the heat in, and moving the existing wooden doors to the outside of the porch.

In 2021 the PCC agreed that this should be designated The West End Fund

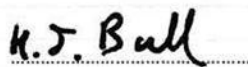
In 2022 the PCC again redesignated as Improvements to All Saints' Fund (designated fund)

This fund now stands at £15,682.

Approved by the PCC on **25/03/** 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Revd Paul Fillery
Chair Martock PCC



Hilary Bull
Church Warden

All Saint's Church Martock
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2024

| | Notes | <u>Funds Unrestricted</u> | <u>Funds Designated</u> | <u>Funds Restricted</u> | <u>2024 Total</u> | <u>2023 Total</u> |
|--|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | 2 | | | | |
| Donations & Legacies | 2a | | | | | |
| Planned Giving | 2a1 | 38,660 | | 3,740 | 42,400 | 39,362 |
| Collections, donations & other giving | 2a2 | 10,708 | | 245 | 10,953 | 12,658 |
| HMRC Gift Aid Received | 2a3 | 10,183 | | 877 | 11,060 | 10,380 |
| Legacies | 2a4 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 10,994 |
| Non-Recurring Grants | 2a5 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 9,003 |
| Recurring Grants (Guardians) | 2a6 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Clarks Field Rental | 2a7 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 59,551 | 0 | 4,862 | 64,413 | 82,396 |
| Income from Investments | 2b | | | | | |
| Interest & Dividends | 2b1 | 2,843 | | | 2,843 | 675 |
| Returned from Sequestration account | 2b2 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2,843 | 0 | 0 | 2,843 | 675 |
| Income from Charitable activities | 2c | | | | | |
| Parochial fees | 2c1 | 5,714 | | | 5,714 | 9,255 |
| Magazine /Bookstall sales | 2c2 | 406 | | | 406 | 486 |
| Fund Raising Events | 2c3 | 4,331 | | 1,716 | 6,047 | 6,431 |
| Ash & KE Office Shared Costs | 2c4 | 2,542 | | | 2,542 | 3,340 |
| | | 12,993 | 0 | 1,716 | 14,709 | 19,512 |
| Total Incoming Resources | | 75,387 | 0 | 6,578 | 81,965 | 102,583 |

2a1 Some pledges are Restricted to pay towards the Children's Work

2a2 Some donations are to pay towards Children's work and other funds

2a3 £877 was Gift Aid Reclaimed for restricted funds, including childrens work.

2b1 Interest earned on our CCLA reserve funds

2c1 This is the gross amount of Fees received for the PCC. The Diocese received the sum of £2249

2c4 Shared Benefice office expenses claimed from Kingsbury & Ash Churches (from Q4 2024 no longer claimed)

All Saint's Church Martock
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2024

| | Notes | <u>Funds Unrestricted</u> | <u>Funds Designated</u> | <u>Funds Restricted</u> | <u>2024 Total</u> | <u>2023 Total</u> |
|---|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | 3 | | | | | |
| Expenditure on Raising Funds | 3a | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Cost of Raising Funds | 3a1 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | 0 | |
| | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Expenditure on Charitable Activities | 3b | | | | | |
| Donations/Grants to Charities | 3b1 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| Mission & Evangelism | 3b2 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| Parish Share | 3b3 | 39,715 | | | 39,715 | 34,535 |
| Clergy (Ministerial) Expenses | 3b4 | 1,193 | | | 1,193 | 1,226 |
| Church Running Costs | 3b5 | 18,048 | | 5,393 | 23,441 | 13,328 |
| Childrens Work Costs | 3b6 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Co-op Fund Costs | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Cost of Services | 3b7 | 4,124 | | 256 | 4,380 | 5,673 |
| Employee Costs | 3b8 | 4,543 | | 2,008 | 6,551 | 5,751 |
| Expenditure on Magazine & Bookstall | 3b9 | 139 | | | 139 | 120 |
| Fees to the Diocese | 3b10 | 2,249 | | | 2,249 | 4,080 |
| Routine Repairs to Charity Centre | 3b11 | 534 | | 211 | 745 | 974 |
| Major Repairs to Church Buildings | 3b12 | 2,250 | | 6,053 | 8,303 | 14,495 |
| Charity Management & Administration | 3b13 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| | | 72,795 | 0 | 13,921 | 86,716 | 80,182 |
| Total Resources Expended | | 72,795 | 0 | 13,921 | 86,716 | 80,182 |

3b3 The Parish Share was paid in full and on time again this year

3b4 Includes incumbent's expenses, phone travel and office expences

3b7 We have made payments to our Organist, Mr S Salisbury, as a self employed provider who became a member of the PCC in April 2017.

3b8 We have made payments to Sarah Nicholas our Benefice Administrator and to Hannah Page of Tiddlers

All Saint's Church Martock
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2024

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Designated Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| DEBTORS | | | | | | |
| | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0 | | | 0 | 485 | Gas |
| Prepayments | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 485 | |
| DEBTORS: DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR | | | | | | |
| Other debtors | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | |
| Prepayments | 0 | | | 0 | 181 | Clock maintenance |
| | | | | | 1054 | 182 |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 181 | |
| CREDITORS: DUE IN LESS THAN ONE YEAR | | | | | | |
| Accruals | -57 | 0 | | -57 | -73 | netted prepaid clock maintenance |
| HMRC Payroll tax due | -29 | | | -29 | 0 | |
| Special Collections Charities | -518 | 0 | | -518 | -633 | Awaiting distribution to chosen charities |
| | -604 | 0 | | -604 | -706 | |

Priest's Report for APCM 2025

Introduction

We have many things to thank God for as I reflect-back on this past year. If I can start this report on a personal note Tracey and I would like to thank everyone for all your kindness, care and support throughout this difficult 18 months, as she has undergone her treatment for cancer. It has been a very tough time and we thank you for all your love and prayers that have sustained and helped us in this season of our lives. As a church family, we have much to thank God for as we look back on this past year. It is now a regular comment by visitors that they feel a warm welcome at All Saints' when they join us for worship. I am so grateful to all who serve on Sundays for making our gatherings together joyful and encouraging and to the wider congregation for being aware and welcoming of newcomers; it is such a vital element of our life together. This year we have seen some gentle growth in church numbers and the moving forward of several projects which I will mention in this report. Inevitably it is a risky business naming individuals in order to thank them, as one never knows where or when to stop - but that is a risk I must take - so apologies in advance to anyone who misses a mention - know it was not intentional!

At the outset, I must thank our wonderful Churchwardens Dave and Hilary who have taken to their task with great enthusiasm and dedication. We are so grateful to them both for the time and effort they have put in over this past year and for grasping the multi-faceted role of Churchwardens so well. They always fulfil their tasks with kindness, patience and good-humour. Thank you.

My thanks too to our multi-talented Administrator Sarah Nicholas who juggles so many elements in her work with great calm and unerring efficiency. We really couldn't cope without her constant efforts on all our behalf and we are so grateful for all her hard work and dedication to her role. Thank you, Sarah!

My thanks also, as ever, to all the members of the PCC who have worked so hard throughout the year engaging with numerous challenges and making vital decisions. Special thanks to Sally Howells our indefatigable PCC Secretary for her constant hard work. Mention must be made too of Carol Ansell our dedicated Safeguarding Officer who continues to bring such enthusiasm and efficiency to her role. Her efforts are so much appreciated and her ability to teach the basic level awareness material 'in-person' continues to be such a help to many here in our Benefice.

I have also formed a Leadership Team who are answerable to the PCC but who gather to pray and seek God for the ongoing vision of the church throughout the year. My thanks to: Rev Richard and Jane Caddell, Dave and Hilary Bull, Andy Handcock, Grace Dunton, Sally Howells, Bridget Jones and Tracey who form that team and who contribute much needed wisdom and insight as we seek to move on in God's plans and purposes for this placeMy

thanks also to Jeremy Hudson in his role as Treasurer – he has worked so very hard and efficiently on our church finances mastering the rather complex computer programme without complaining! It has been a joy to work with Jeremy and we are sad to see him leave us, but we do wish both him and Liney a smooth transition into their new home and do hope we can keep in touch in the days to come. So, our sincere and grateful thanks Jeremy for all your hard work on our behalf and we are delighted to announce that Tim Booth has very kindly stepped into the role of Treasurer and we are very grateful to Tim for being so willing to do so.

Worship and Discipleship

This year has seen the addition of our Morning Worship service at All Saints' on the second Sunday of the month. The goal in providing such an offering is to offer as wide a range of worship opportunities as possible at All Saints'. We now have our regular BCP Holy Communion; our 9.30 Common Worship Holy Communion and Morning Prayer; in addition, our reflective service Still Waters and our occasional special services marking the church liturgical seasons and pastoral type services all bring a varied and comprehensive offering of worship for all who attend.

My thanks too to all involved in leading our worship on Sundays at All Saints': Rev Richard, Rev Ben, Bridget, Sally, Grace, and to all our readers, intercessors, sides-people and welcomers - not forgetting all who make tea and coffee after our services - thank you all. Special thanks to Alfie Rendell and to Lee Stott who both assist me at our Holy Communion services. Their faithful efforts are so much appreciated and ensure that things run smoothly each time. Thank you to them both. It has also been a joy to see the development of our worship group lead so ably by Andy Handcock. Their ministry at our first Sunday Holy Communion service and on the second Sunday has brought a fresh dimension to our worship and we are so grateful to all involved in our worship group for their time, effort and enthusiasm.

As part of that fresh dimension to worship we have invested in copies of Mission Praise in addition to our regular hymnbook. This provides a far wider offering of hymns, choruses and songs to choose from and draws upon more contemporary worship songs too. My thanks to Steve Salisbury for his input and guidance throughout the year in all matters concerning our worship and ongoing ministry of music and for his excellent organ playing in many settings.

We have continued our home-group programme throughout the year and have enjoyed The Prayer Course, Alive in Christ and most recently the Church of England Lent course Living Hope. Home-groups continue to be well-supported and do provide a great opportunity to learn together and enjoy each-other's company whilst deepening our discipleship. My thanks to all the leaders of the groups Rev Richard and Jane, Bridget, Sally and Grace and to all those who hosted groups in their homes this year. A special thank you to Rev Richard Caddell and Jane for heading-up the organising of our courses and home-

groups.

Finances

Our finances are in reasonable shape but we are now required to pay our parish share as a Benefice rather than as individual Parishes. The total demand is an eye-watering £71,408.00 for this year rising to £80,552 in time to come. All Saints' must find £45,000 of this total as well as meet our costs for insurance, gas and electricity and wages etc. Currently we are just holding our own but inevitably we will need to increase our giving or our fund-raising throughout this coming year to keep up with rising costs in all areas. My thanks to all who give regularly, generously and sacrificially we are so very grateful, but would urge any who haven't signed up to regular Gift-Aided giving to speak to Jane Cockerham or Tim Booth about doing so. My special thanks to Jane for all her hard work on our Gift-Aid donations and for her other significant efforts in many areas of our church life! Special thanks must be made to Sally Howells who raises funds consistently throughout the year at her Farmer's Market stall and at other one-off fund-raising events. Her efforts are fantastic and so much appreciated.

The Guardians

It is with some sadness that I have to report that the Guardians Fund Raising Committee will cease its activities at the end of September this year. Frequent attempts to recruit more help have not been successful and the current committee cannot continue any longer. The Guardians have amassed some substantial funds over the years and the Trustees and the Guardians will remain an entity until those funds are finally spent. In the meantime, the PCC will seek to keep the programme of concerts going albeit at a reduced level in order to maintain All Saints' reputation as a concert venue and to provide much-needed funds.

All Saints' Church building

We are now enjoying the delights of our new kitchen and central-island and it is hard to imagine the effort involved in getting that over the line with the DAC but all is well and it is a great asset to our church life. We now turn our attention to replacing the chancel steps as the blue-lias stone is fragmenting badly and will continue to break-up in layers. We have the quote for the work and as the Church Commissioners are responsible for chancel repairs, I have secured their agreement to pay 82.9% of the repair bill which will be about £22,000.00!! The Guardians have kindly agreed to pay the outstanding balance. The DAC have given us the green-light to proceed and we hope works will start in August. My thanks to everyone in our Church cleaning team and especially to Carol Ansell who organises them all. The church is always looking great and we have had many comments about how well-loved and how orderly and clean the church is. Well done and many thanks to you all.

Children's and Families Work

I am delighted that Tiddlers has continued to thrive this year. My thanks to Hannah for leading the group so well and with such consistent enthusiasm and dedication. My thanks

to Sally, Pauline and Carol and the rest of the team who have kept this vital link with local families going. We have a dedicated group of 'regulars' who really enjoy the company and care that Tiddlers provides. A special thank you to the Eddie, David and Martin who come faithfully each week early in the day to set-up for the morning session. We have also had the joy of seeing a new initiative "Stompers" begin this year. Stompers is the vision of Mandy Starmer who has led and created each session supported by a team of helpers - which involves a walk in nature accompanied by a theme from scripture and craft or practical activities that illustrate the theme. The children and adults return to church for refreshments and it has been much enjoyed by all who have attended so far. This is a really positive and gentle introduction to outreach to local families which is a vital part of our mission as a church family.

Martock Primary School

I am so glad that we have a meaningful and ongoing relationship with our local church school. I meet regularly with Sarah Lafferty-Jenkins the Head Teacher and the school have attended church for services on various occasions in the year as well as having specific sessions of being shown around the church. It has been a joy to see the birth of our Open the Book Team which has been so wonderfully initiated and enabled by Bridget. My thanks to both Bridget and Sally and all involved for signing-up and for giving some stellar performances that have been so well received by children and staff alike.

Bell-ringers

It has been a joy to witness the growth in both numbers and in skill of our Bell-ringing team. It was only 2 years ago that the bells were silent here and now they are ringing weekly and we have a steady stream of visiting ringers eager to visit our tower. My thanks to David Hammonds for coming over to continue to train them and to the other bell-towers in the Benefice who are also supporting our training programme. Well done to Fiona Cozens and all the team for working so hard and moving forward together so well.

Final thanks

There are so many tasks that make life so much better for so many and yet can be overlooked when it comes to saying a simple 'thank you'. Our church is opened and closed every day by someone and that simple yet vital task was organised each week by Richard Brisset who also programmed the boiler so that heat appears at the right time for all of us! Richard retired from that role this year and I am so grateful to Alick Finlayson for kindly stepping into his shoes and doing such a great job. As we enjoy our Easter decorations my thanks go to all the flower arrangers who have worked so hard this year headed-up by Jane Cockerham and Diana Healey - the church has looked beautiful throughout the year and especially at those special seasons in the church calendar.

So ends another long report (!) and my final thanks to all of you for your kindness and support to me and Tracey as we seek to serve God and all of you and the wider Parish - we couldn't do it without you all.

Blessings
Rev. Paul

MINUTES of the APCM 2024

MINUTES for the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

At All Saints' Church, Martock
on Sunday 19th May 2024, 11am

30 People were present

Vestry Meeting - Election of Churchwardens – Great thanks were offered to Grace Dunton for her wonderful work as Churchwarden. Paul commented that it had been an absolute joy to work with Grace since he had arrived in the Benefice.

David and Hilary Bull were proposed as new church wardens by Rev. Paul Fillery, seconded by Tim Booth. Agreed unanimously.

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| 1 | Welcome and Opening Prayers by Rev. Paul Fillery (Chair) |
| 2 | Apologies for Absence – Ellen Howard, Ivan Childs, Jeremy Hudson, Steve Salisbury, Bridget Jones. |
| 3 | AOB – none declared |
| 4 | Minutes of the last APCM held on 16 th April 2023 were proposed as an accurate record. Proposed by Paul, seconded by Grace Dunton. All agreed. |
| 5 | Matters Arising - none |
| 6 | Revised Church Electoral Roll – Ann Swain had completed the electoral roll with 119 members now enrolled. Paul thanked Annie for keeping a watchful eye on things. |
| 7 | Financial statements of PCC for year ending 31.12.2023. The reports had previously been audited by Mark Taylor, approved by the PCC and presented to the public before the meeting. It was commented that our finances look healthy and our reserves encouraging; we need to bear in mind that the legacy of £11,000 has helped with this. As ever, our commitment to the Parish Share has a large impact and looking ahead things may not be so easy partly due to an increase in gas and electricity payments but partly due to a decline in revenue. Members were encouraged to consider regular giving if they do not already do so; please speak to Jeremy or Jane Cockerham. It really does help! A question arose about the Parish Share – are we happy that it is fairly apportioned? This has been the subject of much discussion. The Diocese is in deficit, hence the Deanery re-organisation and there is generally less income from general giving in most churches so it is as fair as it can be and due to its multi-faceted formula, it cannot be changed. In his absence, Jeremy was thanked for all his hard work as Treasurer. Ellen Howard was also thanked for offering support during the handover. |

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| 8 | Independent Examiner – Paul Taylor has agreed to continue to audit our accounts as our Independent Examiner next year. Proposed by Rev. Paul Fillery, seconded by Tim Booth. All agreed. |
| 9 | Churchwarden's Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church. Grace reiterated the information she had submitted for the Annual Report and thanked everyone who had helped her over the years, commenting that we have a brilliant team in All Saints who could be relied upon in any situation. Paul thanked Grace for all that she has done along with the wider team. Grace thanked Paul for being there to lead us all. |
| 10 | Deanery Synod Report – there has been an emphasis on meeting the challenges of both mission and ministry for the coming decade including working towards net carbon zero by 2030. The re-organisation of the Deanery has been prominent, not an easy task but we look forward to Muchelney joining our Benefice. Thanks were offered to our Area Dean, Rev Bruce Faulkner and Rev Charlie Peer, Acting Archdeacon, for their support. |
| 11 | Presentation of nominations for election to 5 vacancies on the PCC. Grace Dunton, proposed by Sally Howells, seconded by Peggy Redman and Martyn Atkins, proposed by Sally Howells, seconded by Margaret Caddell, were nominated and duly elected to PCC. (9 PCC members now in total, 3 vacancies remain). Ivan Childs and Geoff Lucas have stepped down from PCC. Ivan was thanked for all his contributions and was recognised for being a pivotal figure on the PCC for many years, particularly during the Vacancy. Our new churchwardens, Dave and Hilary, were welcomed. Paul commented that it was lovely to have some new faces on board. All PCC members were thanked for giving up their time and energy. |
| 12 | Section M15 (1h) of the Church Representation Rules 2020 agreement to welcome any licensed Reader resident in the parish. The meeting agreed unanimously that Bridget Jones should be welcomed as a member of the PCC. Grateful thanks were extended to Bridget in her absence for all her hard work with funerals, baptisms and in our local schools. |
| 13 | Other items relating to the Annual Report 2023 – none. |
| 14 | AOB – none |
| 15 | Priest's report – this had been circulated previously. Paul thanked everyone for the love and kindness, prayers and understanding which been expressed since Tracey's cancer diagnosis. Further thanks were also offered to Grace, for all she has done, Sarah, for all her knowledge and hard work, the PCC, Sally, PCC secretary, for all she does, Carol, Safeguarding Officer, for all her hard work, the Leadership Team as they discern God's will on our spiritual journey, The Guardians for their ongoing fundraising, Steve, for his organ playing, Richard Brisset for all he does, Rev Richard and Jane for their kindness and constancy and Tracey for her encouragement. |

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| | <p>Other comments –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is good news that the faculty for updating the kitchen has been granted and work will start in June to create the new island. • A lovely prayer tree has been designed and made by metal sculptor Chris Kampf and in memory of Ann Manners. • Future plans – we still need to think about how to heat the church in an eco-friendly way. • Tiddlers – it is very pleasing that <i>Tiddlers</i> is growing and is a vital link with local families. It's great that the school are coming into church. • Bellringers – it's wonderful to have the bells ringing again! • Thank you to <i>everyone</i> for your constancy and working towards God's mission. We are grateful for all that we have achieved and all that has happened in 2023. |
| 15 | Closing Prayers – the meeting ended with The Grace at 11.55am. |

Vestry Meeting

Opening prayer, election of church wardens

AGENDA for the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MARTOCK Sunday 27th April, 2025

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| 1 | Welcome and Opening Prayers |
| 2 | Apologies for Absence |
| 3 | AOB |
| 4 | Minutes of the last APCM held on 19 th May, 2024 |
| 5 | Matters Arising |
| 6 | Revised Church Electoral Roll |
| 7 | Financial statements of PCC for year ending 31.12.2024 |
| 8 | Independent Examiner |
| 9 | Churchwarden's Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church |
| 10 | Deanery Synod Report |
| 11 | Presentation of nominations for election to 5 vacancies on the PCC (12 in total) |
| 12 | Section M15 (1h) of the Church Representation Rules 2020 agreement to welcome any Reader in the parish |
| 13 | Other items relating to the Annual Report 2024 |
| 13 | AOB |
| 14 | Priest's report |
| 15 | Closing Prayers |

