

The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Mark & All Saints, Reading

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2024

'Worshipping God; sharing love, building communities and growing faith through Jesus'
Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here (John 6:37)

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents its' Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2024.

Reference and administration information

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mark and All Saints, Reading is a registered charity with the Charity Commission - registration number 1160687. The members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are trustees of the charity.

The correspondence address is: The Parish Office, All Saints Church Hall, Downshire Square, Reading, Berks. RG1 6NH (email: allsaintsreading@gmail.com)

There are two churches within our parish - part of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England:

- St Mark's Church - Cranbury Road, Reading, RG30 2TA
www.achurchnearyou.com/reading-st-mark
- All Saints Church - Downshire Square, Reading, RG1 6NN
www.achurchnearyou.com/reading-all-saints

Aims and purposes

The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St. Mark & All Saints Reading has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, The Reverend Jo Williams in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the financial affairs of the Church, Church buildings, Church Halls and churchyards and oversees matters of data protection, safeguarding and health and safety.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our two churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC, together with its sub committees, maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services and church life can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here (John 6 :37)

- Worship and prayer – learning about their faith; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work

Safeguarding

The PCC of St Mark and All Saints Reading has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults) and abides by the 'promoting a safer church' and works with this in mind to all safeguarding matters in the parish.

The safeguarding policy is modelled on the Diocesan policy. We continue to request DBS for voluntary and paid roles when needed and safer recruitment practices. All safeguarding training is up to date. Our safeguarding officer is Levine Whitham.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body. Its governing documents are the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measures 1956 as amended, and the Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Clergy, Churchwardens and any Readers the APCM appoints are ex-officio, as are the Deanery Synod members who serve a three-year term. Of the twelve elected PCC members, 4 are elected each year to serve a three-year term. A minimum of one third (4) of all elected members must be habitual worshippers at St. Marks, and a minimum of one third (4) of all elected members must be habitual worshippers at All Saints.

The trustees, members of the PCC, who served in the year up to the date of the report are:

<i>Ex Officio</i>			
Incumbent	The Reverend Josephine Williams		<i>Chair</i>
Assistant Curate/ <i>Permission to Officiate</i>	The Reverend Jane Lewis		
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Mr Kwaw Elliott		
	Mrs Linda Parish		
LLM	Mrs Sylvia Cummins		
	Dr Diana Matthews		
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives</i>	Mrs Angelina Elliott		
<i>Elected Members</i>	Mrs Iva Butler		
	Mrs Nana Gyebe-Johnson		
	Mr John Hodge		<i>(Re-elected May 2024 APCM) and Vice Chair</i>
	Mrs Angelina Elliott		<i>(Re-elected May 2024 APCM) and Treasurer</i>
	Mrs Sharon Hyman		<i>Stood down at APCM 2024</i>

	Mr Anesta Vaughan	
	Mrs Liz Sandford	
	Mrs Jess Harris	
	Ms Susan Carter	<i>(Re-elected May 2024 APCM)</i>
	Mrs Rosie Hughes	
<i>Co-opted members</i>	Mrs Judy Vaughan	<i>Re-co-opted June 2024</i>
<i>In attendance</i>	Mrs Levine Whitham	<i>Safeguarding Officer</i>
	Mrs Jackie John	<i>PCC Secretary</i>

During 2024, the PCC met 7 times during the course of the year (via zoom and in-person). In addition to our planned PCC meetings, we also met in person for our APCM in May and the Standing Committee convened when needed.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish. Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspects of parish life. They regularly report back to PCC meetings.

These are the following committees:

Finance committee:

Angelina Elliott (Treasurer), Ron Cummins (Assistant Treasurer), Kwaw Elliott, Linda Parish, and Lee Hawkness-Smith (for annual accounts)

Fabric committee

Rev'd Jo, Kwaw Elliott and Linda Parish

Flat committee – Winkworth estate agents, John Hodge, Ben Thomas and Jackie John

Ministry committee – Rev'd Jo, Rev'd Jane, LLM's and authorised preachers

The Standing Committee has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, reporting back to the PCC - Linda Parish and Kwaw Elliott (churchwardens), Treasurer, Rev'd Jo, Jess Harris and Rosie Hughes.

The Events Committee recommend a social events strategy for the parish, ensure that regular events are being organised and to encourage a wide range of involvement from our congregations in organising and participating in events. It has the power to co-opt other members of the congregation and reports back to the PCC. This committee consists of the following members - Linda Parish, Treasurer, Jackie John, Iva Butler, Suzie Carter, Judy Vaughan, Kwaw Elliott (Teresa Colliass)

The Hall Committee oversee the management of the church halls, dealing with the day-to-day administration of our two halls and makes recommendations to the PCC about repairs, maintenance, letting rates and other concerns. The PCC members serving on this committee are - John Hodge, Linda Parish and Kwaw Elliott (church wardens) Angelina Elliott, Sharon Hyman, Rosie Hughes, Jackie John and Wendy Smith (Parish Office)

Children and Youth Committee – Iva Butler plus others to join.

Worship and Prayer

2024 was a revision of the electoral roll year. There are 121 parishioners on the 2024 Electoral Roll. 75 worship primarily at All Saints and 46 at St. Marks. Mr Kwaw Elliott has served as Electoral Roll Officer for both churches over 2024.

Average weekly attendance for our services are given in the tables below. During 2024 we continued to offer live-streaming our services via zoom for those that could not make church in person, alongside other ways we celebrate God such as baptisms and weddings.

Attendance/worship:

Sunday worship figures, preceding 5 years:

	9am Mass at St. Mark's			11am Mass at All Saints			3.30pm Family Communion at All Saints (monthly)		
	Com	Adult	U16	Com	Adult	U16	Com	Adult	U16
2024***	18	19	3	30	34	11	n/a	n/a	n/a
2023	19	22	3	35	35	11	10	9	6
2022	18	20	4	36	38	11	8	6	6
2021**	15	16	4	31	33	13	12.5	9.5	10
2020*	17	19	4	46	49	12	n/a	n/a	n/a

**2020 – church closed from March 2020 until August 2020 and closed again for November 2020. We only had four 3.30pm family communion services during 2020 (between January and March) and so figures not recorded.*

*** 2021 – church was online from January 2021 until 16th May 2021. Then we were back to face-to-face services but alternate weeks at St Mark's/ All Saints until October 2021. Family communion was just November and December 2021.*

****2024 – Family communion stopped at All Saints Church in March 2024. Therefore no attendance figures are shown.*

Christmas and Easter services at St. Mark & All Saints

	Christmas Eve and Christmas Day*			Easter Eve and Easter Day*		
	Com	Adult	U16	Com	Adult	U16
2024	113	125	17	116	115	30
2023	97	122	24	116	109	36
2022	92	113	21	92	100	41
2021	69	85	24	n/a	59	12
2020	33	39	7	n/a	n/a	n/a

**total numbers at all services, no allowance made for people attending more than one service.*

Christmas services do not include Christingle services.

2020 – Midnight Mass at St Mark's and Christmas Day at All Saints. Easter services were unable to be held in church.

2021 – Easter vigil and Easter Day at All Saints Church only. Midnight Mass at All Saints, and Christmas Day at both churches.

2022 – Christmas Eve – 9.30pm @SM, Midnight Mass @ AS, Christmas Day @ AS only. Easter 6.30am and 11am at AS and 9am at SM

2023 – Christmas Eve – 9.30pm @ SM, Midnight Mass@AS, Christmas Day @ 9am @ SM, 11am @ AS. Easter same pattern as 2022.

2024 – Christmas Eve – 9.30pm @ SM, Midnight Mass @ AS, Christmas Day 10am @ AS. Easter pattern as 2023.

Review of the year 2024

Ministry in the Parish of St. Mark and All Saints

2024 was a busy year for the parish with a continuing of a wide range of parish services alongside mission and outreach, placing us firmly in the heart of our community. Our parish buildings offer a place of faith, friendship and companionship and much more to everyone who enters them. We continue to open our doors to be inclusive to all. Being involved in parish life brings with it many benefits, including deepening friendships, growing in our sense of purpose and belonging to something great, belonging to our church family. We value this strong sense of pride working together throughout the year as one parish. People know each other well and enjoy giving their time to not only the parish, but to one and other individually – providing support and care as one big church family when needed. Even the little things we do make a difference to somebody.

Our services and sermons provide a variety of thought provoking and spiritual guidance, with faith enhancing opportunities, with something for everyone. They also offer fellowship at the heart of every service. A traditional Sung Eucharist on a Sunday morning takes places at both churches providing a fulfilling start to the day. Our morning service is live-streamed via zoom, alternating between the 9am service and the 11am service. It allows key members of our parish to join online if they are unable to join us in person. This now forms a key part of our service offering. Messy Church, for children and their families happens bi-monthly and provides an opportunity to explore key bible stories through craft and play. There are also opportunities for Parish Prayers and Compline during the week providing a time for reflection and prayer.

The number of children attending our morning Mass has remained stable at both churches but often makes up 1/3 of the total congregation at All Saints Church. With this in mind, we decided to stop offering our monthly children and family mass. Many of the children attending our morning Mass are servers. It is wonderful to see their confidence grow taking a key role in our services.

Enhancing and developing the friendships of our younger people, we now offer Make a Difference Club (MAD club) monthly which is a social gathering for children of the church community. We are blessed to have a full and active younger community which we are keen to focus on we prioritise our children and young person policy.

Our Easter and Christmas services continue to play an important part in our offering with the community flocking to these services as part of their journey in faith or yearly tradition. It is wonderful to see familiar faces return each year. This Easter we were delighted to be able to offer a small gift to each child in our faith schools and to residents of our care homes. This was as a result of a successful fundraising campaign. It was a joy to be able to offer such a gift.

Our relationship with local schools continues to thrive and we welcome 5 neighbouring schools into our church buildings for key celebrations throughout the year, as well as end of year celebrations and weekly collective worship.

Our musical offering has been phenomenal over 2024 and it is so uplifting to hear during our regular Sunday morning services to have the organ played, alongside the choir (St Mark's Church). Our thanks to Kathy, Jerome and Rosa for continuing to offer their time for this. Our choir perform at other services throughout the year including patronal festivals, carol service and the Christmas Tree Festival.

Our parish funds remain tight, as costs for electricity, gas and insurance continue to rise. We had a heartwarming and successful gift day in October which has boosted funds. We are blessed with the generosity that our parishioners showed in ensuring the parish can continue with supporting our mission and serving the community in meaningful ways.

We remained busy with our fundraising efforts over 2024, supplementing our income as well as providing lots of fun and community outreach. Our events are important for the parish and our community – not only showing people we are here, but offering events that welcome people into our space and offer them a reason to join us. Our events included jumble sales, parish fairs, charity events throughout the year, a joyous caribbean evening and our Christmas tree festival. We also repeated our Lent quiet day at Douai Abbey which was reflective day, enjoyed by all who attended. It is lovely to create opportunities in the parish to deepen friendships and get to know our fellow parishioners on a deeper level.



Left – Jumble sale at All Saints Hall

Right – Caribbean evening at St Mark's Hall



Our ministry team continue to visit our residential care homes – an important part of our parish with a huge impact not only on those in the care homes, but also a feeling of worth to those undertaking this part of our mission and outreach. Thank you to all who continue to offer their time for this important part of our parish.

This year we have been successful in paying our parish share in full and on time which means we benefit from a rebate from the deanery. The deprivation allowance (£5,000 discount for two churches in a parish with one vicar and £10,000 discount for a Parish in an area of poverty) remains in force for us as a Parish. We will focus on our generous giving to help improve our regular income.

The PCC have embraced opportunities throughout the year to be present and offer our time during parish services including reading, marshalling and kitchen duty. It has been the policy of the PCC to publish the draft minutes of meetings where possible.

In conclusion the PCC have continued their work with commitment and great spirit, working well together making some important decisions, to the mutual benefit our parish going forward.

Schools:

We continue to have a great relationship with our two church schools – All Saints Infants School and St Mary and All Saints Primary School. All Saints Infants use All Saints Church weekly on a Friday for collective worship and St Mary and All Saints have their end of term celebrations at All Saints.

We also have a good relationship with other non-faith schools in the area with St Edwards Prep School using All Saints Church regularly for their end of term speech and celebration days and Battle School using St Mark's Church for Harvest Festival and other key services throughout the year.

All Saints Infant School

All Saints Infants School is a thriving school at the heart of its community, with 60 children on roll. The staff team are committed to upholding our Christian values; love, respect and forgiveness, and work hard each day to make sure that our children are safe and happy and make good progress.

The school has a strong tradition of collective worship with the School Family service on a Friday morning remaining the best attended church service most weeks. In addition to the staff and students, a number of parents and sometimes younger siblings regularly attend.

At the end of every short term (6 per year) we hold a special combined service with All Saints Junior School to celebrate the school pledge. The pledge is a commitment to offer children a wide range of extra curricular skills, activities and learning opportunities throughout their primary education to help them strive towards being well rounded citizens and life long learners. Pledge challenges cover everything from learning to tie your own laces to writing to your MP!

The whole All Saints community, Infants, Juniors, staff and parents also join us for festival services lead by the Infant children themselves for Christmas Easter and Harvest.

The strong relationship between Church School and Community was praised in the Infant School's recent SIAMS inspection which concluded stated that the Christian ethos and our motto, 'learning with love and laughter' permeates all aspects of school life.

St Mary and All Saints Primary School.

The school continues to make steady progress following last year's favourable OFSTED report. The Continuity of Head Teacher and Senior Leadership have brought a level of stability and purpose to the school which has a huge impact of all areas of school life and the numbers of children on roll are increasing all the time.

The school is a multicultural hub with children and staff from all over the world. 48% of students speak English as an additional language and 27 different first languages are spoken by the school community.

Recognising that the school catchment is in an area of particular need and deprivation and many children lack opportunities, the school vision and values are based on the words of Jesus "I have come that you might have life - Life in all its fullness". John 10:10.

The aim to ensure that every child has opportunities to experience fullness of life has prompted the school to provide a wider range of curriculum and extra curricular activities including trips and visits, sporting opportunities such as bikeability, kayaking and a year 6 trip to Finland!

There are also two specialist onsite units for children who need significant additional support.

Revd Jo leads collective worship in school most Thursday afternoons and the whole school attend special services in church for festivals and to celebrate the end of the school year.

SMAS have struggled to appoint new governors this year and still have only one foundation governor and 5 vacancies.

Nursing homes:

Special thanks to the team of people that continue to support the five residential care homes in the parish. It is one of the most rewarding parts of ministry within our community, offering both a spiritual service as well as friendship and outreach. The five residential homes we visit include Abbeyfield (Reading) on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, Abbeyfield (Winnersh) once a month, Beacher Hall, Parkside House and Florence House (usually the last Friday of the month at 2pm). We generally hold a short service of no longer than 30 minutes consisting of prayer,

communion and a few hymns. We also attend to the dying at Florence House, offering prayer and comfort to both the resident and often their families. We are joined by residents who can come to a main room to worship together, but we also go into individual rooms to those unable to leave their rooms. The numbers joining us have remained steady throughout the year. We were lucky enough to be invited to attend and lead on special occasions such as the Christmas gatherings and fun days in the summer (see below).



Parkside Residential Home for their Christmas Carol event

Hall Users:

Both of our church halls have seen increase in terms of regular hirers and one-off parties in particular. We have good use by locals in the community. Thank you Sharon at St Mark's and the parish office at All Saints for keeping our halls clean and all the necessary work involved in the day-to-day running of our halls. Also special thanks to the unseen heroes on our parish for the additional work they do on an ad hoc basis.

All Saints Hall

About 70% of church hall hirers were regular customers and 30% were one-off bookings (similar to the previous year). Bookings have increased but expenses have also increased due particularly to Gas and Electricity.

Total income for 2024 - £24,983.05 – compared to 2023 - £19,098.05

Total expenses for 2024 - £17,022.01 - compared to 2023 - £16,230.70

Total profit for the year 2024 £7,961.04 compared to 2023 - £2,867.35

An increase in profits allowed us to transfer £5,000 to the church account.

St Mark's Hall

St Mark's Hall continue to have a steady balance of long-term hirers and one-off bookings. Word of mouth provides most referrals for our one-off bookings which is great. LAS Fitness Group has requested to expand their range of classes in the hall which is promising. We managed all repairs and maintenance issues in a timely manner and the hall is cleaned regularly. ABC to read remain in our hall office and weekly the community payback team ensure the church and hall grounds are maintained well.

Total net income for 2024 - £14,340 – compared to 2023 - £6,112

Total expenses for 2024 - £13,412 (figures unavailable for 2023)

Total profit for the year 2024 - £928 (figures unavailable for 2023)

St Mark's Hall made a similar £5,000 transfer to the church account.

Community Engagement and mission:

We have continued to open our doors for our community when it mattered. Our 2024 charitable giving included Readifood, The Children's Society, Christian Aid, Macmillan and more. We continue to have members of our congregation offer their time with street pastors (promoting this widely within the parish), volunteering with charities and school volunteers including governor roles.

Monday morning coffee (Places of Welcome) at All Saints is a lovely, gentle and friendly way to start the week. It provides a happy meeting place for anyone who would like a chat and a good mug of coffee and biscuits (and often home-made cake!) There are often up to 20 of us joining together between 10.30am and 11.45am.



Places of Welcome – Monday morning coffee at All Saints Church

There are also monthly charity coffee mornings, run by Paul Farmer which allows people to support charitable causes as well as experience a friendly, welcoming environment. It is an important outreach in terms of fundraising as well as nurturing support in the community.

The Community Payback team have been instrumental at both St Mark and we have newly welcomed them at All Saints over 2024, keeping our buildings and grounds tidy, welcoming, clean and loved.

Pastoral Care:

Our ministry team did a fabulous job over 2024 and our pastoral care work has continued to be a priority for the parish. They supported members of our congregation spiritually through worship and guidance as well as supporting those in times of grief.

We are thankful for the ministry team and indeed our whole church family for the care they give to one another.

Nurture Groups:

Parish prayers continued fortnightly via zoom, during 2024.

Our thanks to Philip for continuing to organise and run a packed and insightful agenda for Open Group and Link Group.

Open Group – We meet once a month throughout the year usually on a Wednesday to listen, watch, learn or participate in an activity. We have a membership of about 15 people with others who come on an ad hoc basis when they can. We welcome anybody to enjoy our meetings (regardless of whether they are church goers). We have had musical events (folk guitars and an accordion group), enlightening talks (such as a chaplain to the British legion) and other talks such as Reading Gaol, The Crystal Palace and talks on Zambia. We also include a summer lunchtime outing and summer garden party. We publish our dates/presenters in the parish newsletter. All welcome.

Link Group – We meet once a month for about an hour to have an initial chat and then take time to pray (including others friends' needs) before we look at a bible passage or topic (we recently looked at the Creed). It is a trusting group which means we can sometimes relate to our discussions emotionally – strengthening our faith as others support us. We always conclude with the Lord's Prayer, the Grace and maybe some supplementary prayer. All welcome.



Open Group

Youth and Children's work:

Our U16 attendance continues to be promising with many choosing to serve. We are bucking the trend in terms of attendance from this age range across the Diocese. We also have MAD Club monthly (Make a Difference Club) which is a social interaction monthly for our young children of the church. Messy Church continues bi-monthly which is a popular event for young children and their families.

Finance Review

A copy of this trustees report and attached financial statements are filed with the Charities Commission, following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Our Bankers are: Lloyds TSB, Broad Street, Reading; Royal Bank of Scotland, Station Road, Reading.

St. Mark & All Saints, Reading

Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2024

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of
St Mark and All Saints**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 3 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of an independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 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.

Signature



Name Nick Addo (FCCA)
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Date 28 April 2025

St Mark & All Saints Reading Parochial Church Council

Accounts for the year to 31 December 2024

Receipts and Payments Account

2023		Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
	RECEIPTS						
	Receipts from generated funds:						
49,331	Voluntary income	2	57,738	-	1,283		59,021
7,684	Fundraising	3	8,142	20	-		8,161
38,233	Church Activities	4	8,521	39,323	2,911		50,755
12,568	Investment income	5	12,045	573	4,571		17,189
107,816			86,445	39,916	8,765	-	135,125
2,568	Other cash receipts	6	1,427	-	472		1,899
110,384	Total receipts		87,872	39,916	9,237	-	137,025
	PAYMENTS						
	Payments for generating funds:						
	Cost of generating voluntary income	7					
(287)	Fundraising costs	8	(392)				(392)
(5,283)	Investment costs	9	(1,225)				(1,225)
(5,570)			(1,617)				(1,617)
(78,845)	Church activities	10	(75,619)				(75,619)
(768)	Charitable donations	11	(621)		(856)		(1,477)
(12,743)	Church management & administration	12	(12,321)				(12,321)
(19,291)	Other cash payments	13	(358)	(30,482)	(2,467)		(33,307)
(117,218)	Total payments		(90,535)	(30,482)	(3,323)		(124,340)
(6,834)	NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)		(2,663)	9,434	5,913	0	12,684
	Transfers between funds		14,040	(10,000)	(4,040)		
(6,834)	NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS) after transfers		11,377	(566)	1,873	0	12,684
271,309	Cash balances at start of year		18,462	130,044	115,969		264,475
264,476	Cash balances at end of year		29,840	129,478	117,842	0	277,159

The pages Notes 1 and Notes 2 form part of these accounts

St. Mark & All Saints Reading Parochial Church Council

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2024

2023	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Monetary assets						
178	Cash	-	150	-	-	150
264,298	Bank current account	29,840	130,025	117,145		277,010
0	Bank deposit account		-			-
0	NSIB Deposit account					-
<u>264,476</u>		<u>29,840</u>	<u>130,175</u>	<u>117,145</u>		<u>277,159</u>
Other monetary assets						
	Tax reclaim due					
Investments assets						
15,785	Bartholomew Bequest				17666	17,666
1,364	Swettenham Bequest				1526	1,526
66,895	Flat at Cost price in February 1989	14	66,895			66,895
<u>84,044</u>			<u>66,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,192</u>	<u>86,087</u>
Assets used for the charity's own use						
574,000	All Saints Hall at valuation	574,000				574,000
23,000	All Saints Hall Fixtures & Fittings	23,000				23,000
366,954	St Mark's Hall at valuation	366,954				366,954
25,306	St Mark's Hall Fixtures & Fittings	25,306				25,306
<u>989,260</u>		<u>989,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>989,260</u>
The valuation of the Church Hall and its associated fixtures and fittings are the insured value of those items						
Liabilities						
	Charitable donations to be paid		0			
<u>-</u>			<u>0</u>			

There were no contingent liabilities.

The notes on pages 6 to 7 form part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on

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Chairman

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Trustee

Date:

St Mark & All Saints Reading Parochial Church Council

Accounts for year to 31 December 2024

Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and in accordance with Section 133 Charities Act 2011.

2 Voluntary Receipts

2023		Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
31,447	Planned Giving	37,026		480	37,506
6,917	Collections of loose cash at services	7,819			7,819
54	Church boxes	-			-
3,237	Other individual donations	6,891		803	7,694
6,000	Legacies	4,646			4,646
-	Special appeals	30			30
1,676	Tax recovered	1,325			1,325
49,331		57,738	-	1,283	59,021

3 Fundraising

2,808	Fetes	3,100			3,100
4,860	Jumble Sales etc	5,036			5,036
-	Magazine - Advertising	-			-
16	2nd hand Bookstall	5	20		25
7,684		8,142	20	-	8,161

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36,746	Church/Hall Lettings and other income	7,994	39,323		47,317
1,479	Fees - weddings, funerals etc	527		2,911	3,438
-	Magazine - Sales	-			-
9	Bookstall - New	-			-
38,233		8,521	39,323	2,911	50,755

5 Investment income

-	NSIB and Gilts	-			-
1,046	Bank interest	-	573	984	1,557
2,604	Property fund income			3,587	3,587
8,918	Flat Rental	12,045			12,045
12,568		12,045	573	4,571	17,189

6 Other cash receipts

343	Other Income	1,427			1,427
866	Collected to give away			472	472
	Adjustment to General Fund				
	Adjustment re Sundries account				
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43,397	Parish Share	44,699			44,699
	Church running costs:				
16,324	Heating & lighting	13,724			13,724
595	Water	424			424
49	Cleaning	-			-
4,235	Repairs	4,587			4,587
12,410	Insurance	10,347			10,347
1,145	Clergy expenses	235			235
	Cost of services:				
639	Music	1,111			1,111
53	Sacristy	491			491
78,845		75,619	-	-	75,619
	11 Charitable donations				
768	Charitable donations	621	-	856	1,477
768		621	-	856	1,477
	12 Church management and administration				
7,534	Salaries / Honoraria	8,205			8,205
442	Printing & stationery	626			626
-	Bank Charges	-			-
4,767	Sundry Expenses	3,490			3,490
12,743		12,321	-	-	12,321
	13 Other payments				
228	Project fund			389	389
16,231	All Saints Hall Running costs		17,022		17,022
-	St Mark Hall Running costs		13,412		13,412
-	Building fund				
-	Fabric fund				
56	Bookstall expenses		48		48
1,951	Organ fund valuation adjustment				
824	Fees to Diocese			2,078	2,078
	Quiet day	358.00			
19,291		358	30,482	2,467	32,949

14 Fund movements

	At 01/01/24 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31/12/24 £
General Fund	18,462	87,872	(90,535)	14,040	29,840
Designated Funds					
Assistant Clergy Accommodation	20,723	208			20,931
Fabric	36,374	365			36,739
Bookstall	178	20	(48)		150
AS Hall	40,213	24,983	(17,022)	(5,000)	43,174
SM Hall	16,886	14,340	(13,412)	(5,000)	12,814
Building fund	14,311	697			15,008
Sundries account	1,359				1,359
	130,044	40,613	(30,482)	(10,000)	130,175
Restricted Funds					
Nash Bursary	1,792				1,792
Charitable Donations	384	472	(856)		0
Memorial Garden Fund	10,456	142			10,598
SM Central Heating Fund	1,530	81			1,611
SM Organ Fund	63,637	3,587			67,224
Project Fund	17,533	803	(389)		17,947
Training fund	1,215	64			1,279
Fees	19,423	2,911	(2,078)	(5,000)	15,255
Building fund (restricted) *	-	480		960	1,440
	115,969	8,540	(3,323)	(4,040)	117,145
Total fund movements	264,475	137,025	(124,340)		277,159

15 Investments

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St. Mark & All Saints, Reading

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of
St Mark and All Saints**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 3 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of an independent examiner's report

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

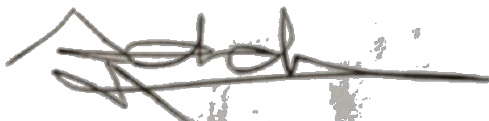
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 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.

Signature



Name Nick Addo (FCCA)
Address 7 Glenrosa Road, RG30 6AN

Date 28 April 2025

St Mark & All Saints Reading Parochial Church Council

Accounts for the year to 31 December 2024

Receipts and Payments Account

2023		Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
	RECEIPTS						
	Receipts from generated funds:						
49,331	Voluntary income	2	57,738	-	1,283		59,021
7,684	Fundraising	3	8,142	20	-		8,161
38,233	Church Activities	4	8,521	39,323	2,911		50,755
12,568	Investment income	5	12,045	573	4,571		17,189
107,816			86,445	39,916	8,765	-	135,125
2,568	Other cash receipts	6	1,427	-	472		1,899
110,384	Total receipts		87,872	39,916	9,237	-	137,025
	PAYMENTS						
	Payments for generating funds:						
	Cost of generating voluntary income	7					
(287)	Fundraising costs	8	(392)				(392)
(5,283)	Investment costs	9	(1,225)				(1,225)
(5,570)			(1,617)				(1,617)
(78,845)	Church activities	10	(75,619)				(75,619)
(768)	Charitable donations	11	(621)		(856)		(1,477)
(12,743)	Church management & administration	12	(12,321)				(12,321)
(19,291)	Other cash payments	13	(358)	(30,482)	(2,467)		(33,307)
(117,218)	Total payments		(90,535)	(30,482)	(3,323)		(124,340)
(6,834)	NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)		(2,663)	9,434	5,913	0	12,684
	Transfers between funds		14,040	(10,000)	(4,040)		
(6,834)	NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS) after transfers		11,377	(566)	1,873	0	12,684
271,309	Cash balances at start of year		18,462	130,044	115,969		264,475
264,476	Cash balances at end of year		29,840	129,478	117,842	0	277,159

The pages Notes 1 and Notes 2 form part of these accounts

St. Mark & All Saints Reading Parochial Church Council

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2024

2023	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Monetary assets						
178	Cash	-	150	-	-	150
264,298	Bank current account	29,840	130,025	117,145		277,010
0	Bank deposit account		-			-
0	NSIB Deposit account					-
264,476		29,840	130,175	117,145		277,159
Other monetary assets						
	Tax reclaim due					
Investments assets						
15,785	Bartholomew Bequest				17666	17,666
1,364	Swettenham Bequest				1526	1,526
66,895	Flat at Cost price in February 1989	14	66,895			66,895
84,044			66,895	-	19,192	86,087
Assets used for the charity's own use						
574,000	All Saints Hall at valuation	574,000				574,000
23,000	All Saints Hall Fixtures & Fittings	23,000				23,000
366,954	St Mark's Hall at valuation	366,954				366,954
25,306	St Mark's Hall Fixtures & Fittings	25,306				25,306
989,260		989,260	-	-	-	989,260
The valuation of the Church Hall and its associated fixtures and fittings are the insured value of those items						
Liabilities						
	Charitable donations to be paid	0				
-		0				

There were no contingent liabilities.

The notes on pages 6 to 7 form part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on

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Chairman

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Trustee

Date:

St Mark & All Saints Reading Parochial Church Council

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Notes to the accounts

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2 Voluntary Receipts

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6,917	Collections of loose cash at services	7,819			7,819
54	Church boxes	-			-
3,237	Other individual donations	6,891		803	7,694
6,000	Legacies	4,646			4,646
-	Special appeals	30			30
1,676	Tax recovered	1,325			1,325
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