

St John's Church Studley

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ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

Administrative information

The parish church of St. John the Evangelist, Upper Studley, address: Church Lane, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 0EH. The parish is part of the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England. St. John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a registered charity, number 1160751.

Membership

Members of the PCC are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), appointed ex-officio, or co-opted. The following have served as members since APCM 2024.

Clergy

Vacant – From 9 May 2024

LLA

Mike Bridges

Churchwardens

Heather Thompson

Wendy Thorne (Deanery Synod)

Elected Members

Chris Solman (Vice Chair)

Julie Vine (Secretary)

Vanessa Rose

Dawn Sawyer (Deanery Synod)

Denise Collinson (Deanery Synod)

Tony Thorne

Structure, governance and management.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St John's and to become part of our parish community. It maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish.

Fabric issues

The PCC is responsible for maintaining the fabric of the Church.

Our main concern at present is the leaking Vestry roof.

We have a quinquennial survey due in the next few weeks hopefully this will not highlight any more issues.

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Sadly since our last APCM we have lost two members of our church both on the same night. Martin Barnwell who had been worshipping with us for a few years and our LLM Mike Bridges. I have included Mike in this report because he contributed so much during this year.

Achievements and Performance

After Rev Alastair Wood left early last year we are now in the middle of an Interregnum which has proved to be a very steep learning curve for all concerned. We not only had to try and understand a rather confusing computer system but also how to organise a church with all the different services. We would like to thank all the priests who have taken services during the year and given us so much variety and especially Rev Liz Gifford who is also taking the Baptism Services.

Despite not having a resident vicar Christmas at St John's was busy as usual. Thanks to Liz and Mike we had Nine Lessons and Carols plus Midnight Mass and a Christmas Day Service. We also a capacity Christingle service Christmas Eve afternoon taken by Mike and for the first time did not use real candles so there was no danger of anyone catching fire. The plastic one lit up and everyone approved of them.

We also managed our first Easter without a vicar with a number of services.

Soup run

We continue to support the soup run, providing food and hot drinks to homeless and needy people. We are at present only covering two Saturday evenings a month as we now only have two teams.

Food Bank

The much needed donations for Storehouse are gratefully received and collected in our Lady Chapel and the Church Hall. We need a volunteer to take the donations to the Food Bank please. It does not have to be the same person every time

Chat Café

A warm welcome for our regular visitors who come, and those yet to !
Mondays and Wednesdays 10am to 11:30 am

Parish Centre

The parish centre continues to host both fundraising and income events.
Among them were the Souvenir Auction with fish & chip supper, and of course our quiz night.
Our regular lettings continue with a number of local organisations now using the hall regularly plus occasional Baptism and private party
The local authority holds meetings, and also hires the hall for election days.

Deanery Synod

Three members of our PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, Dawn Sawyer, Denise Collinson, Wendy Thorne. Heather Thompson attends the meetings as part of the St John's family.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to keep a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. We invest any available balances with CCLA CBF Church of England Funds.

On behalf of the PCC



Chris Solman (Chair)

Date: 27 May 2025

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Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
12 - Donations	1,363.47	-	-	-	1,363.47	1,144.21
15 - Legacies, Bequests	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	-
40 - Donation to Fabric + Friends	-	-	-	-	-	-
50..... - Legacy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations and legacies Totals	1,863.47	-	-	-	1,863.47	1,144.21
Income from charitable activities						
11 - Gift Aid Refunds	-	-	-	-	-	8,597.37
27 - Fair Trade / Soup Run	-	-	-	-	-	51.35
33 - 100 (Hundred) Club	1,037.72	-	-	-	1,037.72	1,757.37
35 - Events	2,721.25	-	-	-	2,721.25	2,570.61
37 - Ride and Stride	400.00	-	-	-	400.00	-
47 - Christingle	-	-	250.00	-	250.00	114.74
Income from charitable activities Totals	4,158.97	-	250.00	-	4,408.97	13,091.44
Other trading activities						
Other trading activities Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments						
45 - Interest on Fabric Restoration Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - Cutler Fund Fabric - CB3015226-101	-	-	861.72	-	861.72	-
56 - Barnes Fund Churchyard - CB3015422-001	-	-	535.90	-	535.90	-
Investments Totals	-	-	1,397.62	-	1,397.62	-
Other income						
10 - Collections	3,238.24	-	-	-	3,238.24	1,663.97
13 - Gift Days	-	-	-	-	-	-
14 - Grants (incl. SJCC)	-	-	-	-	-	1,777.21
17 - Business Banking Loyalty Reward	20.00	-	-	-	20.00	28.60
19 - Other Vol. Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - Planned Giving	22,342.00	-	-	-	22,342.00	27,926.01
22 - Interest & Dividends	1,576.29	-	392.16	-	1,968.45	1,602.40
23 - Bookstall/Shop	80.00	-	-	-	80.00	69.85
24 - Clergy Costs during Interregnum	-	-	-	-	-	-
24e - Clergy Costs during Interregnum	-	-	-	-	-	-
24f - Clergy costs for Funerals during Interregnum	-	-	-	-	-	-
24g - Organist costs for Funerals during Interregnum	-	-	-	-	-	-
24h - Verger costs during Interregnum	-	-	-	-	-	-
24i - Funeral Income during Interregnum	1,716.00	-	-	-	1,716.00	-
26 - Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-	-	-
28 - Diocesan Fees	742.00	-	-	-	742.00	1,905.00
29 - Other	2,386.82	-	-	-	2,386.82	1,360.66

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
300 - Hall Hiring	4,805.00	-	-	-	4,805.00	4,820.55
301 - Sunday Coffee	1,329.31	-	-	-	1,329.31	990.97
302 - Chat Cafe	1,531.61	-	-	-	1,531.61	1,461.16
303 - Printing	60.00	-	-	-	60.00	-
304 - Donation	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	-
305 - Other Income	480.30	-	-	-	480.30	-
31 - Flower Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
34 - Legacy	-	-	-	-	-	-
39 - Fabric Restoration	-	-	-	-	-	-
41 - Hope Fund	-	-	100.00	-	100.00	588.18
44 - Warmer Spaces Grant	-	-	-	-	-	2,249.07
Other income Totals	40,507.57	-	492.16	-	40,999.73	46,443.63
Income and endowments Grand totals	46,530.01	-	2,139.78	-	48,669.79	60,679.28

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

33a - 100 Club	610.00	-	-	-	610.00	910.00
35a - Events	20.25	-	-	-	20.25	-
37a - Ride and Stride	110.00	-	-	-	110.00	-
Raising funds Totals	740.25	-	-	-	740.25	910.00

Expenditure on charitable activities

41a - Hope Fund	-	-	-	-	-	1,128.00
47a - Christingle - Children's Society	-	-	250.00	-	250.00	326.66
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	-	-	250.00	-	250.00	1,454.66

Other expenditure

10a - Share Payments	15,000.00	-	-	-	15,000.00	20,495.00
11a - Clergy Expenses	657.74	-	-	-	657.74	1,323.61
17a - Commission Bank Charges	239.82	-	-	-	239.82	431.36
20a - Church Running Costs	6,420.10	-	-	-	6,420.10	2,100.98
21a - Heating, Lighting	8,267.00	-	-	-	8,267.00	1,329.22
22a - Insurance	2,954.75	-	-	-	2,954.75	3,154.94
23a - Bookstall/Shop	74.51	-	-	-	74.51	50.81
24a - Clergy costs during Interegnum	871.25	-	-	-	871.25	-
24b - Clergy Costs for Funerals during Interegnum	655.00	-	-	-	655.00	-
24c - Organist costs at Funerals during Interegnum	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	-
24d - Verger costs for Funerals during Interegnum	-	-	-	-	-	-
25a - Music & Organist Honararia	1,380.00	-	-	-	1,380.00	1,607.00
26a - Printing	-	-	-	-	-	1,006.58
27a - Fair Trade / Soup Run	13.95	-	-	-	13.95	69.47
28a - Diocesan Fees	-	-	-	-	-	1,079.00
29a - Misc. other costs	2,496.34	-	-	-	2,496.34	2,945.78
34a - Legacy	-	-	-	-	-	-
401 - Water	300.00	-	-	-	300.00	-
402 - Electricity	3,885.38	-	-	-	3,885.38	944.68
403 - Refuse Collection	915.65	-	-	-	915.65	-
404 - Hall Sundries	965.44	-	-	-	965.44	-

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
405 - Miscellaneous	6.70	-	-	-	6.70	4,662.28
406 - Designated	-	-	-	-	-	-
407 - Repair and Maintenance	3,541.40	-	-	-	3,541.40	8,010.67
44a - Warner Spaces Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure Totals	49,145.03	-	-	-	49,145.03	49,211.38
Expenditure Grand totals	49,885.28	-	250.00	-	50,135.28	51,576.04

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) As at: 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Investments						
201: CCLAPCC Trust Fund	-	16,577.82	379.44	-	16,957.26	16,577.82
Total	-	16,577.82	379.44	-	16,957.26	16,577.82
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
202: Stock	250.00	-	-	-	250.00	250.00
203: Office Equipment/Machinery	1,519.53	-	-	-	1,519.53	1,519.53
204: Lawnmower	360.05	-	-	-	360.05	360.05
205: Chalice	2,607.88	-	-	-	2,607.88	2,607.88
Total	4,737.46	-	-	-	4,737.46	4,737.46
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
100: Barclays Bank	8,401.61	-	100.00	-	8,501.61	11,931.52
102: Lloyds Bank Hall Account	2,747.46	-	-	-	2,747.46	4,149.11
Total	11,149.07	-	100.00	-	11,249.07	16,080.63
Current Asset - Investments						
101: CCLA General Fund -CB3034473-001	41,077.48	-	1,397.62	-	42,475.10	39,501.19
104: CCLA - CB3015226-001	-	-	9,304.92	-	9,304.92	9,042.12
105: CCLA - CB3015422-001	-	-	5,780.68	-	5,780.68	5,651.32
Total	41,077.48	-	16,483.22	-	57,560.70	54,194.63
Net total assets	56,964.01	16,577.82	16,962.66	-	90,504.49	91,590.54
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	56,964.01	-	-	-	56,964.01	60,319.28
Designated - Investment	-	16,577.82	-	-	16,577.82	16,577.82
Restricted - Investment	-	-	16,470.50	-	16,470.50	14,693.44
Restricted - Restricted	-	-	492.16	-	492.16	-
Total	56,964.01	16,577.82	16,962.66	-	90,504.49	91,590.54

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Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets		
Tangible Assets	4,737.46	4,737.46
Investments	16,957.26	16,577.82
	21,694.72	21,315.28
Current assets		
Investments	57,560.70	54,194.63
Cash At Bank And In Hand	11,249.07	16,080.63
	68,809.77	70,275.26
Liabilities		
	-	-
Net current assets less current liabilities	68,809.77	70,275.26
Total assets less current liabilities	90,504.49	91,590.54
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	90,504.49	91,590.54
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	56,964.01	60,319.28
Designated		
Designated - CCLAPCC Trust Fund	16,577.82	16,577.82
Restricted		
Restricted - CCLAPCC Trust Fund	16,470.50	14,693.44
Restricted - Restricted Funds	492.16	-
Endowment		
Fund Totals	90,504.49	91,590.54

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